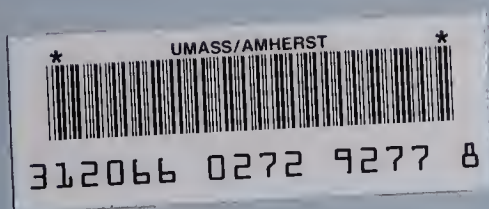


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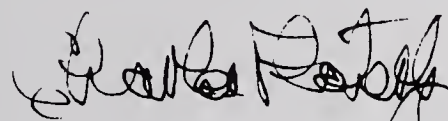
SPEAKER CHARLES FLAHERTY

Massachusetts House of Representatives

INTRODUCTION

The meaningful accomplishments of the 1991 Legislative session can be a source of pride for each member of the House of Representatives. Much of our energy and attention was initially -- and understandably -- focused on making the adjustments necessary to avoid a deficit in FY 1991, and on enacting a balanced budget, on time, for FY 1992. Upon completion of that task, major new laws were enacted to repair the infrastructure, reorganize higher education, regulate mortgage lenders and the home improvement industry, reform workers' compensation, consolidate our police agencies, finance the Children's Trust Fund, revitalize the racing industry, establish guidelines for the sentencing of juvenile criminals, provide emergency educational assistance to municipalities and govern health care financing.

The achievements of the 1991 session resulted from the Legislature's dedication and diligence, and its willingness to deal with the difficult issues that face our Commonwealth. I am grateful to my colleagues in the House of Representatives for their effort and responsible action. I am confident that, working together, we will continue to meet the challenges of the Nineties.



CHARLES FLAHERTY
SPEAKER

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TOTAL BILLS

House No.	<u>6484</u>
Senate No.	<u>1804</u>

TOTAL CHAPTERS

Acts	<u>557</u>
Resolves	<u>4</u>

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ROLL CALL VOTES

A total of 350 roll calls were ordered in the House of Representatives, of which 50 were quorum roll calls.

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1991 VETO OVERRIDES

Fifteen of the Governor's vetoes were overridden by the House of Representatives in 1991.

GOVERNOR'S VETOES OVERRIDDEN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN 1991

Reversion of Cabinet Secretaries' pay increases	April 1, 1991	137 yeas, 15 nays
Restoration of funds for the Office of Violence Prevention	September 11, 1991	119 yeas, 30 nays
Restoration of funds for the Employee Ownership Program	September 11, 1991	113 yeas, 38 nays
Restoration of funds for statewide assessment and basic training tests	September 11, 1991	126 yeas, 25 nays
Restoration of funds for the State Scholarship Program	September 11, 1991	120 yeas, 32 nays
Restoration of funds for the State Scholarship Program (Sec. 87 - no interest loans)	September 11, 1991	147 yeas, 0 nays
*Restoration of funds for the General Relief Program	September 11, 1991	100 yeas, 45 nays
*Restoration of funds for medical services for General Relief recipients	September 11, 1991	105 yeas, 37 nays
*Relative to eligibility of the General Relief Program	September 11, 1991	109 yeas, 34 nays
Established a retirement schedule for the city of Lynn	September 23, 1991	111 yeas, 31 nays
Restoration of funds for the Homeownership Opportunity Program	October 28, 1991	109 yeas, 38 nays

Relative to the regulation of the possession of certain weapons	December 9, 1991	133 yeas, 22 nays
Relative to the voluntary dissolution of a corporation	December 20, 1991	137 yeas, 13 nays
Relative to the Office of Municipal Building Officials	December 20, 1991	145 yeas, 1 nay
Established a retirement schedule for the city of Revere	December 30, 1991	103 yeas, 28 nays

* indicates that the veto was **sustained** in the Senate.

MAJOR LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 1991

CHAPTER 33 - H5506

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

This comprehensive capital financing package is designed to facilitate the ongoing, essential revitalization of the Commonwealth's transportation infrastructure. The bond spending authorizations comprising this legislative enactment provide the foundation for energizing a stagnant economy through the creation of many thousands of jobs while recapitalizing our statewide transportation system. Originating as agency requests filed by the administration, this law was crafted and refined in the Joint Committee on Transportation and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means before receiving unanimous support and approval by both branches of the General Court.

This legislation provides \$4.9 billion through a combination of \$2.54 billion in state bond authorizations which in turn leverage another \$2.36 billion in federal transportation program funds for the 1992 and the 1993 fiscal years.

The bill also authorizes capital improvement programs for the following agencies:

DPW	\$3,634.34	
MBTA	1,087.90	
MDC	120.00	
EOTC	25.90	
RTA	16.50	
PUB SAFETY	10.15	
MAC	8.60	
RMV	1.20	
TOTALS	\$4,904.59	(in millions)

The Department of Public Works authorization includes a legislative mandate requiring an equitable balance of public works capital project spending spread out across the state.

Chapter 90 also provides \$180.0 million in construction funding for vital local road and bridge projects. These funds, available to each of the Commonwealth's 351 cities and towns on a reimbursement basis, represent a \$100.0 million increase over the most recent previous authorization.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF HORSE RACING

The Act authorizes the state racing commission to grant 200 thoroughbred racing meeting dates in Suffolk County (Suffolk Downs) and 75 thoroughbred and 125 dates for standardbred racing in Norfolk County (Foxboro Park).

The Act establishes a new "takeout structure" or break down of the annual live handles (total amount wagered) at Massachusetts horse tracks as follows:

- "Breaks" (the odd cents left over, after paying the successful bettors in multiples of 10 cents on the dollar) from the total amount wagered at thoroughbred racing meetings to the Running Horse Capital Improvements Trust Fund; -\$100,000 from the thoroughbred racing meeting "breaks" to the Massachusetts Commission on Compulsive Gambling;
- 1/4 of 1% of the total amount wagered at the thoroughbred racing meetings to the Running Horse Promotional Trust Fund;
- "Breaks" from the total amount wagered at standardbred racing meetings to the Harness Horse Capital Improvement Trust Fund;
- 1% of the total exotic (perfecta, trifecta, etc.) amounts wagered at standardbred racing meetings to the Harness Horse Promotional Trust Fund;

- 19% of straight wagers and 25% of exotic wagers to the tracks with a clause requiring the later amount be reduced to 23% with the implementation of any off-track betting law;
- 1/2 of 1% of the total wagered at thoroughbred racing meetings to the Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine;
- 1% of the total wagered at thoroughbred racing meetings to the Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeding Program;
- 8 1/2% of the total amount wagered at each thoroughbred racing meeting to the purses (horse owners award);
- 1 1/4% of the amount wagered at standardbred racing meetings to the racing commission subject to appropriation;
- 8% of the total straight wager amount and 10% of the total exotic amount wagered at the standardbred racing meeting to the purses;
- Unclaimed winnings to the racing commission subject to appropriation.

The provisions of this act shall expire on December 31, 1995.

CHAPTER 142 - H6012

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

The implementation of this proposal firmly establishes a state higher education policy and purpose with the goals of excellence and access, and a system that ensures accountability, utilizes fully the best aspects of lay control, and responds to and meets the economic needs of the state.

Chapter 142 establishes a Secretary and a single policy board--the Committee on Educational Policy (CEP)--made up of the current Board of Education and the new Higher Education Coordinating Council, changing the body from a governing to a coordinating one, and pushing authority downward. The new law stresses accountability. Furthermore, it puts into statute the Public Education Nominating Council and ensures that its membership reflects diverse cultural, racial, social, geographic and ethnic backgrounds.

Consolidates the University of Lowell, Southeastern Massachusetts University into the existing University of Massachusetts system.

The elementary-secondary level is left alone, except for some modification of the Board of Education--the Secretary is added, and as of 7/92, overall membership is increased by two.

CHAPTER 144 - H1111

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF CERTAIN MORTGAGE LENDERS AND BROKERS

This Act, based on House Bill 1111 and similar legislation, inserts a new chapter into the General Laws, Chapter 255E, which requires certain non-bank first and second mortgage lenders, e.g., mortgage companies, to be licensed and regulated by the Commissioner of Banks.

It requires any person other than stated exemptions, engaged in the business of a mortgage lender or broker, and who engages in five or more transactions within any consecutive twelve-month period, to be so licensed and also establishes:

- (a) the form and substance of the application for license and provides for examination and license fees to be set by the Commissioner of Administration;
- (b) the approval process and requirements;
- (c) the information to be included on the face of the license and the requirement that all such business be conducted in the name of the licensee as it appears thereon;
- (d) the requirement that if the business is to be carried on at more than one location, copies of the license must be obtained from the Commissioner and displayed at such locations. A change of location or closing of a place of business requires a thirty-day advance notice to the Commissioner containing the reason for such relocation or closing, while any change in the

officers, partners or directors of any licensee must be reported forthwith to the Commissioner; and
(e) the basis for revocation or suspension of a license.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FORECLOSURES ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

This Act, which took effect on July 1, 1991, amended Section 284 of the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1992 (Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1991) relative to the moratorium on foreclosure sales on certain real estate mortgages and effected the following changes:

- (a) Established the moratorium period as 120 days commencing July 11, 1991, and ending November 4, 1991,
- (b) Required that any and all mortgages on the real estate involved in the foreclosure be on record at least thirty days prior to the foreclosure sale,
- (c) Eliminated the necessity of recording notes or certifications with respect to commercial mortgages, i.e., mortgages on real estate which does not have thereon a 1-4 family owner-occupied dwelling, which would, of course, include vacant land,
- (d) Permitted any party, other than the foreclosing mortgagee, acquiring an interest in the foreclosed property for value and without notice to rely conclusively on the facts, as contained in the required affidavit, as recorded, without further inquiry.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FAIR AND EFFECTIVE
COMPENSATION OF INJURED WORKERS

This legislation would improve efficiency and accountability in the Department of Industrial Accidents (DIA). An independent panel will select the DIA judges according to established standards of jurisdiction over a case, to eliminate forum shopping. Six temporary judges will be appointed to deal with a 9,500+ case backlog.

Incentives are created for employers to create and for employees to accept light duty jobs. New incentives and opportunities are created for vocational rehabilitation, and weekly benefit durations are reduced.

The pay without prejudice period is extended to 180 days. Minimal documentation standards will be established, while scheduled fees for attorneys are reduced and frozen. Certain employers will have the ability to disapprove proposed lump sum settlements, improved access to impartial physicians, and judges are given discretion to exclude medical testimony other than that of the impartial physician.

This legislation is also designed to improve medical access and control medical costs. Preferred provider organizations are permitted, insurers are required to undertake medical cost containment and disputes regarding utilization review will be resolved by impartial physicians.

It reduces fraud and abuse by establishing higher standards causation for stress claims and claims for aggravation of pre-existing conditions. Limits are imposed on the employee's ability to change doctors. Fraud is more clearly defined, and penalties are increased. The nonprofit Insurance Fraud Bureau's responsibilities for workers' compensation fraud are increased.

The bill also enhances insurer oversight and cost control, while establishing a unit to monitor the insurance industry within the Division of Insurance. All insurers are required to provide safety services to all employers. Also, the Insurance Commissioner shall establish other cost control requirements.

CHAPTER 412 - H6325

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN POLICE FORCES IN THE COMMONWEALTH

The Metropolitan District Commission, the Division of the State Police Force, the Capitol Police Force, and the Division of Law Enforcement of the Registry of Motor Vehicles are now consolidated into one unified police force beginning July 1, 1993 following a one-year transitional period.

Beginning in January of 1992, a job title analysis for each title rank structure began. There will be certain specifications for each title in the rank structure for candidates to meet before they can fill that particular rank.

In February of 1992, there will be a study to compare the titles in the current forces and in the new state police force to determine the titles in which officers will be classified.

In June of 1992, a study will be done to determine whether a retirement age of 55 is a Bona Fide Occupation Qualification (BFOQ) for the operation of the new State Police Force.

Beginning in July and through October of 1992, officers with 20 years of service will be eligible for a benefit of 60% of regular compensation. Additional benefits will be given to officers with over 20 years of service.

This legislation was supported by each force involved in the consolidation process.

AN ACT REGULATING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

The act requires home improvement contractors (with the exception of students and those performing work the value of which is less than \$500) to be registered with the Bureau of Building Regulations and Standards within the Executive Office of Public Safety. Contractors will have to pay a registration fee which will be determined by the Secretary of Administration and Finance. Contractors will also have to contribute to a guaranty fund which will be administered by the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs. At registration, each contractor will be assessed an amount for payment to the fund which will be based on the number of people employed by that contractor. A contractor with fewer than four employees shall pay \$100 to the fund, with four to ten employees the fee shall be \$200, with eleven to thirty employees the fee shall be \$300, and with more than thirty employees the fee shall be \$500.

The guaranty fund shall be used to pay out claims awarded to aggrieved homeowners who have received a judgment from a court or an award from the private arbitration service approved by the Secretary of Consumer Affairs. The fund administrator may not award more than \$10,000 to an individual claimant nor more than \$75,000 to claimants on account of the conduct of any one contractor within a twelve-month period unless the contractor has repaid the full amount to the fund. Claimants will not be prohibited from seeking other legal equitable remedies.

All contracts for which the consideration is \$1,000 or more shall be in writing. Any homeowner who contracts for more than \$1,000 without a written contract shall be prohibited from making a claim against the fund. In addition, any homeowner who contracts with an unregistered contractor will be prohibited from making a claim against the fund.

CHAPTER 461 - S1724

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEDICATION OF REVENUE STREAMS
TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

This legislation provides for the transfer of the amount to equal the average daily net receipts from the lottery for the arts in the month of April of each year to the Children's Trust Fund. The amount of such transfer is capped at one million dollars in any fiscal year. The lottery commission shall report by June thirtieth of each fiscal year to the Governor, the Attorney General, the Child Abuse Prevention Board and the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, the total amount of revenue transferred to the trust fund during such fiscal year. The transfer shall commence on January 1, 1993 and shall expire on January 1, 1996.

CHAPTER 488 - H1803

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL SENTENCES OF JUVENILES CHARGED WITH MURDER

Chapter 488 provides for impeachment of defendants and defense witnesses with prior juvenile adjudications, and orders that the court shall hold transfer hearings in cases of assault with intent to rob or murder, rape of a child, and armed burglary, in addition to the current crimes of murder 1 & 2, manslaughter, rape and kidnapping. Armed robbery would be deleted.

It also allows for expediting hearings for transfer hearings. Part A, the probable cause portion, must be held within 15 days of the defendant's first appearance before the court, Part B must be held within 30 days of the probable cause portion.

When a judge fails to transfer a juvenile, he must put in writing his reasons and the Commonwealth may appeal that decision. Prior to this law, there was no requirement that a judge make written findings unless he transferred the child and the Commonwealth had no right of appeal.

Previously, a "rebuttable presumption of dangerousness and unamenability to rehabilitation" existed only in case of murder 1 & 2. This new law extends the rebuttable presumption to manslaughter, assault with intent to rob or murder, rape of a child and armed burglary in addition to murder 1 & 2.

Split sentencing is also allowed between D.Y.S. and D.O.C. A defendant convicted of first degree murder would be subject to a minimum 15 years' penalty, with the defendant being committed to D.Y.S. until the age of 21 and D.O.C. is given jurisdiction for

the remainder of the sentence. The same would apply for a second degree murder conviction which would carry a minimum 10 year sentence.

And finally, this legislation gives D.O.C. jurisdiction over an adjudicated delinquent in murder 1 & 2 cases.

CHAPTER 493 - H6237, H6276, H6392

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Chapter 493 allocates \$30 million through the Department of Revenue's Division of Local Services which sets the regulations.

Applications must be submitted through the applicant's local appropriating authority. For regional districts, approval by a two-thirds vote of local appropriating authorities of member municipalities is needed. (As of 1/7/92: applications go out on 1/13; must be in DOR office--physically in office--by 5 p.m., 1/23.)

Requirements for emergency assistance recipients are as follows:

- 50% payback, 10% in each of 5 years--only to the extent that Chapter 70 increases by at least 10% of emergency assistance amount received;
- Education Department certifies that the applicant has an emergency;
- Aid is only for reasonable expenditures, approved by Division of Local Services (DOR) and Education Department, to alleviate the emergency;
- At least one of the following:
 - a. a decline in per pupil spending
 - b. regular classrooms with 35 or more students
 - c. instructional materials shortages
- At least 80% of emergency funds must go to districts who are receiving Early Education Opportunity Grants (EEOG) monies;

- Assistance is not to supplant appropriations;
- Assistance is not for administrative costs except in circumstances approved by Division of Local Services (DOR) and the Education Department;
- The local finance board must approve emergency aid expenditures;
- Details of assistance expenditures and impact of the assistance must be reported.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOSPITAL FINANCING

This new law has three major components: 1) competitive market-based hospital rates; 2) enhanced access to health care; and 3) innovative health insurance reform for small businesses.

This legislation enhances access to care in numerous ways. Chief among them are the redefining of "free care" to include all medically necessary services, and the creation of the Health Care Access Fund. This fund contains \$20 million for four specific programs as follows:

- \$5 million for a new pediatric preventive care program that makes Well Baby Care available, for the first time to all children of the Commonwealth from birth to age six who are not otherwise covered;
- \$10.7 million for the existing Vaccine Trust Fund;
- \$4 million for a program of managed care within community health care centers;
- and \$300,000 for the Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

In addition, the new law creates the Hospital Payment Advisory Commission (Hosp.PAC) to oversee and evaluate such matters as adherence by hospitals and insurers to fair marketing standards, as well as the stability of disproportionate share hospitals -- those frontline institutions that primarily serve patients covered by government payers such as Medicaid and Medicare.

Chapter 495 also contains an innovative loan forgiveness program funded by our teaching hospitals and cooperatively administered by the Department of Public Health to promote primary care as a specialty of choice among resident physicians training in Massachusetts.

Finally, Chapter 495 recognizes the vital link between hospital financing and health insurance reform. To that end, the new law establishes a model health insurance program for all small businesses in the Commonwealth with between one and twenty-five employees. In essence, all insurers now providing group health insurance policies in Massachusetts must offer and renew such coverage with affordable rates and without pre-existing conditions or extending waiting period clauses, to all small businesses.

CHAPTERS OF THE 1991 MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS

COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING
Representative David B. Cohen, Chairman

CHAPTER 131 -- H5510

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAVINGS BANK EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE COOPERATIVE BANKS EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles W. Mann

Effects changes in the Savings Bank Employees Retirements Association (SBERA) and the Cooperative Banks Employees Retirement Association (CBERA) statutes, relative to eligibility for membership in these associations.

CHAPTER 144 -- H111

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF CERTAIN MORTGAGE LENDERS AND BROKERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Havern, Representative Louis L. Kafka, Representative Thomas M. Finneran

Inserts a new chapter into the General Laws, Chapter 255 E, which requires certain non-bank first and second mortgage lenders, e.g., mortgage companies, to be licensed and regulated by the Commissioner of Banks.

CHAPTER 235 -- H6099

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FORECLOSURES ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles F. Flaherty, Senator Paul W. White, Representative David B. Cohen

Amends Section 284 of the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 1992 (Chapter 138 of the Acts of 1991) relative to the moratorium on foreclosure sales on certain real estate mortgages.

CHAPTER 265 -- H16

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN AGGREGATE LOAN LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO A BANK OR CREDIT UNION

Sponsor(s): Commissioner of Banks, Michael C. Hanson

Amends Chapter 167 E, Section 14, and Chapter 171, Section 58, of the General Laws relative to the limitations on the total obligation of any one borrower to a state-chartered bank or credit union, respectively.

CHAPTER 266 -- H1301

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INVESTMENTS BY CREDIT UNIONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Permits a credit union, with the approval of the Commissioner of Banks, to expend on any one parcel of real estate improved with a 1-4 family dwelling to which it has acquired title by foreclosure under the terms of a mortgage held by it thereon, such amount as determined by its board of directors to be necessary for restoring such property to a saleable condition.

CHAPTER 267 -- H1305

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LOANS BY CREDIT UNIONS ON RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Makes changes in the authority of a credit union to make loans on recreational vehicles, i.e., a boat, camper or trailer, relative to the allowable amount of the loan and extends the maximum term of a loan.

CHAPTER 268 -- H1307

AN ACT REDUCING THE TIME LIMITS OF TERM SHARE AND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS FOR CREDIT UNIONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Reduces the required minimum period of maintenance for term share or deposit accounts in credit unions.

CHAPTER 271 -- H1687

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE COOPERATIVE CENTRAL BANK

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

Deletes the requirement that the President of the Cooperative Central Bank must be elected from among the Board of Directors, thereby making a non-member of the Board eligible for election.

CHAPTER 285 -- H1688

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COOPERATIVE BANK INVESTMENT FUND

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

Adds federal savings banks, federal savings and loan associations and any parent, subsidiary or other affiliated company as eligible investors.

CHAPTER 286 -- H1115

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FUND TRANSFERS

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas M. Finneran

Adds a new Article 4A to the Uniform Commercial Code which regulates certain types of fund transfers, more particularly, "wholesale wire transfers" between financial or business institutions.

CHAPTER 337 -- H5508

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RECEIPT OF DEPOSIT FOR TRANSMITTAL TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Sponsor(s): Commissioner of Banks, Michael C. Hanson

Rewrites the statutes governing people who engage in or are financially interested in the business or receiving deposits of money for the purpose of transmitting the same, or equivalents thereof, to foreign countries.

CHAPTER 353 -- H6264

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INVESTMENTS BY CREDIT UNIONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Grants additional investment authority to state-chartered credit unions consistent with the provisions of the Federal Insurance Reform and Recovery Act.

CHAPTER 377 -- H5512

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS AND COMMON TRUST FUNDS

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin G. Honan

Effects a change in Chapter 167G, Section 3, subsection 10A, of the General Laws relative to the use of collective investment funds and common trust funds by banks exercising trust powers.

CHAPTER 466 -- S1734

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO OFFICERS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CREDIT UNION
SHARE INSURANCE CORPORATION**

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Amends the enabling statute of the Massachusetts Credit Union Share Insurance Corporation (MCUSIC) as it relates to the composition of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER 469 -- S1507

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MORTGAGES AND LOANS BY BANKS

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr.

Amends the General Laws Chapter 167 E, Section 14, relative to the aggregate limitation on the total obligation of any one borrower to a state-chartered bank and the exclusions permitted in calculating such aggregate limit.

CHAPTER 471 -- H1684

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELECTRONIC BRANCHES AND ELECTRONIC FUND
TRANSFERS**

Sponsor(s): Representative John F. Cox

Effects changes in the Electronic Fund Transfer statute of the Commonwealth as it relates to the status and use of point of sale terminals (General Laws, Chapter 167 B).

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND LABOR
Representative Suzanne M. Bump, Chair

CHAPTER 9 -- H5381

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Sponsor(s): Representative Bosley

Allows for an additional eighteen weeks of unemployment benefits for persons participating in an industrial or vocational retraining course necessary to secure employment, if the course is approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Employment and Training.

CHAPTER 67 -- H1715

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WESTOVER METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Petrolati, Representative Landers

Grants Belchertown and Granby representation on the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation Board.

CHAPTER 121 -- H2252

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CONSUMER PRODUCT PRICING

Sponsor(s): Senator MacLean, Representative Brewer, Representative Rohan, Representative Hodgkins, Representative Giordano, and Senator Lees

Amends the state's item pricing law to permit aisle and end-of-aisle soda displays to utilize "price talkers" instead of item pricing.

CHAPTER 132 -- S1509

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VERIFYING WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Sponsor(s): Senator Lees, Representative Landers

Transfers responsibility for maintaining information on who does and does not have compensation insurance from the Division of Administration within the Department of Industrial Accident to the Workers' Compensation Rating and Inspection Bureau.

CHAPTER 134 -- H1702

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jane Gibson

Removes the income cap imposed on that church. The Episcopal Church was the only church with such a cap.

CHAPTER 215 -- S78

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SALE OF RETAIL MOTOR FUEL TO HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Sponsor(s): Senator Thomas C. Norton

Requires certain fuel dealers to post a notice disclosing that provisions of existing law which states that fuel motor dealers selling both full, and self-service gasoline must dispense full service at a self-service pump to any person displaying handicapped or D.A.V. number plates.

CHAPTER 229 -- H3351

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CORPORATE DOCUMENT FILINGS

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel E. Bosley, Secretary of State
Michael J. Connolly

Simplifies provisions of corporate law concerning various filings made with the Corporation Division within the Secretary of State's Office. This legislation will result in more efficient administration and improved service to the general public.

CHAPTER 272 -- S133

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PERFECTING A PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY INTEREST

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Increases the time period that a secured party of a purchase money security interest has to file from ten to twenty days.

CHAPTER 293 -- H2986

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE AGE OF CHILD VOLUNTEERS

Sponsor(s): Representative William P. Nagle Jr.

Allows children between the ages of thirteen and sixteen to perform volunteer services at nonprofit hospitals with certain time restrictions.

CHAPTER 319 -- S124

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore

Seeks to eliminate the "battle of the forms" under the Uniform Commercial Code. It specifies that if an agreement between two merchants contains different terms, the different terms would become part of the agreement unless certain conditions are met.

CHAPTER 398 -- H6410

AN ACT RELATIVE TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION

Sponsor(s): Conference Committee

Contains measures to improve efficiency and accountability at the Department of Industrial Accidents, creates incentives for employees to return to work, and improves medical access while controlling medical costs. Also proposes to reduce fraud and abuse, enhance insurer oversight, and improve the collective bargaining process.

CHAPTER 407 -- H2984

AN ACT AUTHORIZING MINORS TO PUMP GASOLINE

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas P. Kennedy

Allows minors to deliver courtesy service at fuel stations provided it is outside of any repair bay facilities.

CHAPTER 414 -- S1510

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONSUMER PRIVACY IN COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Sponsor(s): Senator Lois G. Pines

Limits the amount of personal information retailers can collect when purchases are made by credit card or check.

CHAPTER 472 -- S1672

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS

Sponsor(s): Senator Brian P. Lees (redraft)

Grants the Government Land Bank greater powers in the town of Lee to acquire blighted land, but only with local approval.

CHAPTER 481 -- H5875

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MOBILE HOMES

Sponsor(s): Representative Alvin E. Thompson (redraft)

Requires owners of mobile homes to give notice to the Executive Office of Communities and Development of intent to sell or other action which would result in the park's discontinuance. E.O.C.D. would still retain the right to purchase or lease the park in accordance with existing law.

CHAPTER 490 -- H3354

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SECURITIES ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel E. Bosley, Secretary of State
Michael J. Connolly

Authorizes the Secretary of State to fine or to censure violators of the securities statute. In certain instances a fine or censure would be a more appropriate and effective tool than a suspension or revocation of registration.

CHAPTER 529 -- S73

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VOLUNTARY DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATIONS

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr.

*(OVERRIDE OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETO) This eliminates the requirement that a corporation obtain a certificate of good standing (demonstration that all taxes have been paid) from the Department of Revenue before dissolving. That requirement was duplicative and unnecessary for the collection of taxes due to the Commonwealth.

COMMITTEE ON COUNTIES
Representative Byron Rushing, Chairman

CHAPTER 28 -- H2419

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER OF THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK TO TRANSFER CERTAIN UNCLAIMED LAND DAMAGES TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael W. Morrissey

Allows Norfolk County to transfer \$100,246 to its general fund where it had to be set aside for possible claims against land takings made before 1980. There are no claims and the county would like to transfer those funds to their general funds.

CHAPTER 128 -- H5579

AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE PERIOD OF TIME FOR WHICH CERTAIN LAND IN NORFOLK COUNTY MAY BE USED AS A TEMPORARY MINIMUM SECURITY ALTERNATIVE CORRECTIONAL CENTER

Sponsor(s): Representative Bump, Senator Harold

Amends Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1987, which provided for Norfolk County to use a building at the Norfolk County Hospital to house inmates until thirty days after the opening of a new county jail and house of correction. This bill drops any mention of a new jail and imposes a deadline of December 31, 1991, for the use of the building at Norfolk County Hospital as a minimum security alternative correction center.

CHAPTER 308 -- H5599

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF BORROWING AUTHORIZED FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jane Gibson

Chapter 102 of the Acts of 1987 gave Middlesex County authority to borrow up to three million dollars to renovate and install a new fire alarm system in Middlesex County Hospital. This act increases the authorization to 4.5 million.

CHAPTER 311 -- H694

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REPRESENTATION OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative William Reinstein

Amends Chapter 34 of the General Laws by adding section 14B. Section 14B would allow the Chairman of the County Commissioners to appoint an associate commissioner of handicapped persons to a term of one year to advise the board on the county issues relating to handicapped persons. This position has no powers or authority or compensation.

CHAPTER 386 -- H3388

AN ACT ALLOWING TUITION CHARGES FOR CERTAIN ADULT EVENING CLASSES Sponsor(s): Representative Francis H. Woodward

Authorizes the school committees and boards of trustees of the three county agricultural schools to require payment of tuition and related fees from persons enrolled in adult evening courses. The amount of tuition and related fees would be determined by the school committees or trustees.

CHAPTER 425 -- S1746

AN ACT FACILITATING THE FINANCING AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW CRIMINAL DETENTION FACILITY IN PLYMOUTH COUNTY Sponsor(s): Senator Edward P. Kirby, Representative Peter Forman

Plymouth County and the Plymouth County Sheriffs' Department has an agreement with the United States Marshals to construct a Criminal Detention facility on thirty-two acres of county-owned land in Plymouth. This estimated \$70.5 million facility would have a capacity of 1,140 beds. It would be a mixed facility with 320 federal, 375 state, and 445 county inmates.

CHAPTER 432 -- S1697

AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TIME FOR WHICH CERTAIN LAND IN NORFOLK COUNTY MAY BE USED AS A TEMPORARY MINIMUM SECURITY ALTERNATIVE CORRECTION CENTER Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Suzanne M. Bump

Amends Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1987. This provides for Norfolk County to use a building at the Norfolk County Hospital to house inmates until thirty days after the opening of a new county jail and house of correction.

CHAPTER 436 -- H1131

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISPOSITION OF DOG LICENSE FEES FOR
WORCESTER COUNTY

Sponsor(s): Representative Andrew Collaro

Strikes out a sentence in Chapter 140, Section 147 of the General Laws which gives city and town treasurers the dates of June 1 and December 1 to pay their dog licensing receipts into the county treasury. The new sentence inserted by this bill would keep the dates the same for all counties except Worcester.

COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Representative James T. Brett, Chairman

CHAPTER 341 -- H2611

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

Provides that P-2P, PCH, MDMA and PCC be controlled under state law as they are under federal law. P-2P is the precursor to "speed" and PCH and PCC are precursors to "angel dust". This legislation would make it easier to prosecute individuals using clandestine laboratories to manufacture these illegal drugs. Often they are intercepted in the final stages of manufacturing these drugs and the incomplete product (i.e. the subject just before it becomes "speed" or "angel dust") is not a controlled substance. This bill would alleviate that problem.

CHAPTER 350 -- H3544

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR DESTROYING PUBLIC PARK OR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative John E. McDonough

Prior to this law destruction of public park or playground equipment was punishable by a fine of not more than \$100. This bill increases the penalty to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

CHAPTER 391 -- S166

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENHANCING THE PENALTY FOR POSSESSION OF METHAMPHETAMINE

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

This bill treats "ice" the same as cocaine with an enhanced penalty of a mandatory one-year jail term for possession with intent to distribute the controlled substance.

CHAPTER 395 -- S165

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR TRAFFICKING IN METHAMPHETAMINE

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

The bill controls the drug "ice" and creates a mandatory three year penalty for trafficking in the substance (14-28) grams. The penalty would be the same as the cocaine trafficking penalties.

CHAPTER 225 -- H1320

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF CERTAIN SEXUAL CRIMES

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas P. Walsh

Prior to this law physicians and hospitals were required to report the treatment of bullet wounds, burns and certain knife wounds to the Commissioner of Public Safety and the police of the town where the injury was reported.

CHAPTER 452 -- H2657

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM EDUCATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

Requires that every person sentenced to a house of correction be given a standardized test to assess reading level. Those who fall below a selected grade level would be required to participate in a functional literacy program for 90 days. This program would not be available in the D.O.C. facilities.

CHAPTER 460 -- H2608

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

Provides a mandatory one year jail term for drivers who leave the scene of an accident in which death results. Previously there was no penalty for a hit and run which results in a fatality. (There was only a two month - two year penalty for causing injury.) The penalty for causing injury increases with this bill to a six month - two year penalty.

CHAPTER 488 -- S1803

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CRIMINAL SENTENCING OF JUVENILES CHARGED WITH MURDER

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

Makes changes with regard to transfer hearings of juveniles in cases of assault with intent to rob or murder, rape of a child, and armed burglary, in addition to the current crimes of murder 1 & 2, manslaughter, rape and kidnapping. Allows for split sentencing between D.Y.S. and D.O.C. for first and second degree murder, and also makes several other changes to the process of sentencing.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, ARTS AND HUMANITIES
Representative Mark Roosevelt, Chairman

CHAPTER 54 -- H4669

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING LEAVES OF ABSENCES FOR CERTAIN SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Sponsor(s): Representative Woodward

Allows school personnel indefinite time for leave of absence to assume public office. Previous law allowed for six years.

CHAPTER 81 -- S226

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Sponsor(s): Senator Keating, Representative Kafka

Allows DOE to include barbering courses in suggested curriculum for vocational schools.

CHAPTER 83 -- H3385

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PAYMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF THE UNION 19 SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Cahir, Senator Rauschenbach

Authorizes the Union 19 school district to pay certain administrative costs.

CHAPTER 108 -- H5436

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Roosevelt, Senator Birmingham

Abolishes the thirteen member elected Boston School Committee and replaces it with a seven member board appointed by the mayor (sworn in Jan. 6, 1992). The Mayor chooses the names from a list given to him by a nominating council made up of parents, teachers, business officials and school administrators. Statute prohibits paid staff for members. Initial board members have staggered terms, after which terms are four years.

CHAPTER 142 -- H5809

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS

Sponsor(s): Governor Weld

Replaces the Board of Regents with the Higher Education Coordinating Council (HECC), establishes the office of the Governor's Secretary of Education, and provides for the University of Massachusetts merger. Also sets up the Committee on Educational Policy composed of the Board of Education and HECC, and puts the Public Education Nominating Council into statute.

CHAPTER 151 -- H934

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION FOR THOSE PERSONS WHO TEACH AUTISTIC CHILDREN

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen W. Doran, Representative Joan M. Menard

Allows for the certification of those persons who teach autistic children even if such teachers do not possess the standard requirement of American citizenry.

CHAPTER 156 -- H5452

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE LAWRENCE ACADEMY IN GROTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Augusta Hornblower

Increases the maximum number of trustees that Lawrence Academy may have from twenty-five to forty.

CHAPTER 191 -- S1641

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr.

Authorizes the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School to convey land to a private party.

CHAPTER 222 -- H6012

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MASSACHUSETTS *
*** (AMENDMENTS)**

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward M. Lambert

These amendments make technical and clarifying amendments to Chapter 142 of the Acts of 1991.

CHAPTER 228 -- H5784

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUABOAG REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen M. Brewer, Senator Robert D. Wetmore

Provides legislative approval needed for the regional school district to purchase bond insurance and to establish a trust fund for debt pay service payments. Does not affect the grant obligation of the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 245 -- H939

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NEW ENGLAND LOAN MARKETING CORPORATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Kenneth M. Lemanski, Representative Timothy F. O'Leary

Authorizes the New England Loan Marketing Corporation board of directors to amend its charter, so long as no such amendment is inconsistent with Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws or curtail the corporation's responsibilities to report under its statute.

CHAPTER 275 -- H4898

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL TRUST FUND

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh, Representative Marie J. Parente, Representative Daniel J. Ranieri, Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi

States that a community or regional district may establish an Instructional Material Trust Fund, appropriate money, and receive gifts for the Fund. The fund is to be managed by a local thirteen-member board of trustees. Ninety percent of the interest can be spent yearly on instructional materials. Expenditures must be divided: 50% grades K - 6, 50% for grades 7 - 12.

CHAPTER 282 -- H5967

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BLACKSTONE MILLVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

Provides legislative approval needed for the school district to float a bond and secure bond payment. The bonding was needed to continue the plans for an approved elementary school.

CHAPTER 327 -- S222

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRINCIPAL RECOGNITION DAY

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Havern

Provides that April 27th of each year will be known as "Principals Recognition Day".

CHAPTER 343 -- H5901

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL COMMITTEE ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON

Sponsor(s): Representative William P. Nagle Jr., Senator John W. Olver

Allows a question on the local ballot that will change certain aspects of the makeup of the school committee.

CHAPTER 356 -- S1666

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL AND BRISTOL PLYMOUTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr., Senator Erving H. Wall

Allows the two districts to convey specific land to use for educational purposes subject to the Uniform Procurement Act of 1990.

CHAPTER 386 -- H3388

AN ACT RELATIVE TO TUITION FOR CERTAIN EVENING CLASSES

Sponsor(s): Representative Francis H. Woodward

Allows school committees and boards of trustees of county agricultural schools to require payment of tuition for adult evening classes.

CHAPTER 403 -- S1732

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr., Senator Erving H. Wall

Authorizes Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School District to borrow money to pay expenses for refunding a bond.

CHAPTER 462 -- H2267

AN ACT RELATIVE TO OPTIONAL HIGHER STUDENT FEES

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel E. Bosley, Representative Peter Forman, Representative Peter J. Larkin, Representative Shaun P. Kelly, Senator Jane M. Swift

Relates to the payments of non-mandatory student fees for non-partisan student organizations. Instead of such a fee being paid by a student unless he/she waives it, the fee becomes one that can be added onto the students bill only when the student chooses to pay it.

CHAPTER 493 -- H6237, H6276, H6392

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Sponsor(s): Representative Pamela Resor, Representative Daniel J. Valianti, Senator Robert A. Durand, Representative Douglas W. Petersen, Representative Antonio F. Cabral, Representative Barbara Gardner

Provides \$30 million in state aid for districts with a serious educational emergency. The Department of Revenue sets the regulations. The Education Department certifies that the applicant has an emergency case. Aid may not supplant local school appropriations and may not, in general go for administrative costs. Fifty percent payback is required, if certain increases in state school aid occur.

CHAPTER 514 -- H6196

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sponsor(s): Representative Barbara Gardner

Tightens the statutory definition of "school age child with special needs" by stating that the child must have a disability. This law clarifies the original intention of Chapter 766 to serve children with disabilities. The Act takes effect on September 1, 1992 and shall apply to any child referred for evaluation or reevaluation on or after that date.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTION LAWS
Representative Joseph B. McIntyre, Chairman

CHAPTER 42 -- H4670

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE
Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen Brewer

CHAPTER 116 -- S1439

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM
Sponsor(s): Senator Robert Wetmore

CHAPTER 175 -- S280

AN ACT FURTHER EXPANDING THE DISPOSITION OF RESIDUAL CAMPAIGN FUNDS
Sponsor(s): Senator William MacLean

Provides additional options to candidates for disposition of their residual campaign funds. Candidates may now donate their residual funds to charitable organizations, scholarship funds, the general fund of any city or town in the Commonwealth, or the Categorical Grants Fund. Also permits the director of the Office of Campaign and Political Finance to petition the Supreme Judicial Court for dissolution of certain political committees on the ground of noncompliance or inactivity.

CHAPTER 181 -- H5976

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER IN THE CURRENT YEAR
Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin O'Sullivan

CHAPTER 184 -- H5322

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF METHUEN TO AMEND ITS HOME RULE CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING A PRELIMINARY ELECTION FOR THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES
Sponsor(s): Representative Larry Giordano

CHAPTER 185 -- H5979

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF A SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF SALEM IN THE CURRENT YEAR

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael Ruane

CHAPTER 203 -- S285

AN ACT AMENDING THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Jane Swift, Representative Christopher Hodgkins

Allows towns with fewer than one thousand registered voters to conduct a five-hour voter registration session on the final day of registration, exempting them from holding the thirteen hour session required of cities and towns with larger populations.

CHAPTER 227 -- H5345

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF CITY MESSENGER IN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Sponsor(s): Representative Vincent Ciampa

CHAPTER 217 -- H6067

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL IN THE CURRENT YEAR

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan Rourke

CHAPTER 218 -- H6068

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH IN THE CURRENT YEAR

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel Valianti

CHAPTER 234 -- H5594

AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELECTION LAWS

Sponsor(s): Representative John Businger

Corrects typographical errors, clarifies ambiguities and addresses contradictory or obsolete provisions in the election laws.

CHAPTER 237 -- H6031

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TWO YEAR TERM FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas Kennedy

CHAPTER 276 -- H5366

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BECKET

Sponsor(s): Representative Christopher Hodgkins

CHAPTER 270 -- H5985

AN ACT TO REQUIRE FOR CERTAIN MEASURES IN THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER BY-THE-SEA

Sponsor(s): Representative Bruce Tarr

CHAPTER 295 -- H5501

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REGISTRARS OF VOTERS IN CERTAIN SMALL TOWNS IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor(s): Representative Stanley Rosenberg

Exempts registrars and assistant registrars of voters in towns with fewer than two thousand residents from the statutory prescription against holding another appointed office.

CHAPTER 306 -- H5959

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NEW SALEM

Sponsor(s): Representative Carmen Buell

CHAPTER 384 -- H5571

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWICK

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael Walsh

CHAPTER 393 -- H6217

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE DATE FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Blanchette

CHAPTER 431 -- H6108

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN COLLECTED VIA THE ANNUAL STREET CENSUS

Sponsor(s): Representative Joseph McIntyre

Seeks to protect children by securing the confidentiality of information contained in the annual school committee list. This legislation prohibits the disclosure of this information to anyone other than the school committees or the boards of trustees of county agricultural schools.

CHAPTER 474 -- S1736

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF BREWSTER

Sponsor(s): Senator Henri Rauschenbach

CHAPTER 483 -- H5502

AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE INITIATIVE LAW RELATIVE TO POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

Sponsor(s): Representative John Businger

Makes corrective and technical changes to the initiative law passed as Question 4 of 1990, and assists election officials in carrying over the mandate of the initiative.

CHAPTER 503 -- H6361

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Poirier

CHAPTER 507 -- H6257

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CARVER

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert Kraus

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
Representative Albert Herren, Chairman

CHAPTER 455 -- H70

AN ACT PERTAINING TO GASOLINE AND HOME HEATING OIL INFORMATION
Sponsor(s): Executive Office of Consumer Affairs and Business
Regulations

Authorizes the Department of Energy resources (DOER) to require retail and wholesale details of gasoline and home heating oil to inform DOER upon request, of their prices. Previous law authorized DOER to collect price information, but the retailer or wholesaler could refuse DOER's request since it was only done through voluntary cooperation. Now, retailers and wholesalers must report their prices upon demand. The legislation protects the confidentiality of individual companies, thus only aggregate data is published. DOER has a toll free number where consumers can call and receive the average price of home heating oil, unleaded gas at the pump, and unleaded gas per self-service.

CHAPTER 520 -- H5524

AN ACT REQUIRING MOTOR VEHICLES PURCHASED BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO BE FUEL-EFFICIENT
Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

States that when vehicles are retired from the state fleet and need to be replaced, they are replaced by vehicles with above-average fuel efficiency. The EPA and DOE publish guidelines which compare the fuel economy of similarly sized vehicles. The state will use these federal guidelines to determine which vehicles should be purchased. Vehicles which could not feasibly be replaced with fuel efficient models, such as police cruisers, would be exempted from this legislation.

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS
Representative Michael P. Walsh, Chairman

CHAPTER 1 -- S1332

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY LICENSES FOR WINE AUCTIONS BY
HOLDERS OF CERTAIN LIQUOR LICENSES**

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Authorizes the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission to issue temporary licenses for the sale of wine at auction to those entities possessing a commercial license for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

CHAPTER 10 -- S1399

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TOWN OF SHARON.

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating, Representative Louis L. Kafka

CHAPTER 55 -- S1492

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF ATHOL TO ISSUE AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES TO DOROTHY WILLHITE D/B/A ATHOL STEAK HOUSE

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore, Representative Mary Jane McKenna

CHAPTER 71 -- S1536

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LICENSING BOARD OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO GRANT AN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TO THE MERCHANT MARINERS SOCIAL CLUB, INC. AND AUXILIARY

Sponsor(s): Representative Antonio F. D. Cabral, Representative Robert M. Kozcera, and Representative Joseph B. McIntyre

CHAPTER 114 -- H5810

AN ACT REGULATING THE CONDUCT OF HORSE RACING

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Authorizes the Racing Commission to grant 200 dates for thorough-

bred racing in Suffolk County and 75 dates for thoroughbred and 125 dates for standardbred racing in Norfolk County. Establishes a takeout structure from the tracks handle with percents allocated to the state, the thoroughbred breeders, the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling and the horse owners.

CHAPTER 168 -- S1524

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Thomas C. Norton, Senator William R. Keating, Executive Office of Consumer Affairs, Representative Kenneth Lemanski

Establishes a Board of Real Estate Appraisers within the Division of Registration to license and certify real estate appraisers in accordance with the provisions of Title XI of the Federal Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Acts of 1989 (savings and loan bailout).

CHAPTER 196 -- S1331

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS AND SALESMEN

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

Authorizes the Board of Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons to issue without examination, a license to George Clayman of Swampscott.

CHAPTER 216 -- H3414

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL TO TAKE THE JOURNEYMAN'S ELECTRICIAN EXAMINATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Allows Philip Marks III of Nantucket to take the Journeyman's electrician examination notwithstanding the pre-license education requirement.

CHAPTER 248 -- H5165

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SURVEYING OF LAND

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray

Changes the geographic positions of the plane rectangular coordinates for the surveying of land to comply with current national standards.

CHAPTER 259 -- H5466

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ASHLAND TO ISSUE ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES

Sponsor(s): Representative David P. Magnani

CHAPTER 283 -- H1742

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PURCHASING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Kenneth Lemanski, Representative Robert J. Rohan, Representative Mary Jane McKenna, Senator Frederick E. Berry, Senator Mary L. Padula

Increases from \$5,000 to \$10,000, the amount for which contracts for the purchase of equipment, supplies or materials must be advertised by Municipal Light Departments. Increases the minimum dollar requirement relating to written contracts made by municipal light departments and filed with the city or town from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

CHAPTER 348 -- S1366

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF COSMETOLOGY

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian, Senator Brian P. Lees, Senator John W. Olver, Senator Robert A. Durand

Increases the number of gubernatorial appointments to the board from three to seven. Requires that the chairman of the board be elected by a majority of the members rather than by gubernatorial appointment. Requires the board to include members with experience as cosmetologists and aestheticians as well as experience as hairdressers.

CHAPTER 362 -- S1763

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN LIQUOR SALES IN BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Authorizes the Marliave Restaurant Inc. to sell alcoholic beverages on the fifteenth, twenty-second, and twenty-ninth days of December, 1991, notwithstanding the provisions of its license to sell alcoholic beverages.

CHAPTER 374 -- H5939

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE TO ISSUE A CERTAIN ADDITIONAL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

Sponsor(s): Representative John C. Klimm

CHAPTER 378 -- H3018

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE RETAIL SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES ON CERTAIN SUNDAYS IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Sponsor(s): Representative Carmen D. Buell, Senator Robert D. Wetmore

Allows the retail sale of alcoholic beverages by licensed establishments which are located in Franklin County and are within ten miles of the New Hampshire border.

CHAPTER 420 -- H6176

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LYNN TO ISSUE CERTAIN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CLUB LICENSES

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward J. Clancy Jr., Representative Jeffery L. Hayward, Senator Walter J. Boverini, Representative Steven Angelo

CHAPTER 437 -- H2828

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMINENT DOMAIN TAKINGS BY CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM OPERATORS

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert Correia

Provides the Superior Court, rather than the cable commissions with exclusive original jurisdiction for all legal actions brought under the eminent domain statute relative to compensation claims brought by landlords against cable companies who have taken such landlord's property for installment purposes.

CHAPTER 453 -- H6071

AN ACT REGULATING HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

Sponsor(s): Committee redraft

Requires home improvement contractors to register with the Bureau of Building Regulations and Standards within the Executive Office of Public Safety. Requires all home improvement contracts

exceeding \$1,000 to be in writing. Directs the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs to establish a privately administered arbitration program for claims brought by home owners against contractors. Establishes a guaranty fund to be administered by the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs which shall be funded by an annual assessment on registered contractors based on a contractor's number of employees.

CHAPTER 461 -- S1724

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEDICATION OF REVENUE STREAMS TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry, Senator Thomas C. Norton, Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Representative Kevin G. Honan

Provides for net revenue from the lotteries for the arts generated for one day in the month of April each year to be transferred to the Children's Trust Fund, provided that such amount does not exceed 1 million dollars in any fiscal year. This transfer shall commence as of January 1, 1993 and shall expire on January 1, 1996.

CHAPTER 463 -- H5793

AN ACT DECREASING THE NUMBER OF LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter A. Vellucci, Senator Charles E. Shannon, Representative Patricia D. Jehlen, Representative Vincent P. Ciampa

Allows the licensing authority of the city of Somerville to reduce the number of available licenses from seventy to sixty-four in number.

CHAPTER 551 -- H5268

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CAMBRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter A. Vellucci

Allows the licensing board in the City of Cambridge to set occupancy limits in establishments licensed to sell alcohol for on-premise consumption notwithstanding the limits set by a person, state or local agency charged with the enforcement of the state building codes.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE
Representative Carmen D. Buell, Chairwoman

CHAPTER 206 -- S445

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HONORARY TITLE OF EMT-EMERITUS

Sponsor(s): Senator Jane M. Swift, Representative Daniel E. Bosley

Establishes a special category of emergency medical technician (EMT), known as EMT-Emeritus, for recognition of service. The title is honorary and not to be used as certification to operate or attend an ambulance.

CHAPTER 214 -- S1606

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF ATHLETIC TRAINERS HIRED BY SCHOOL COMMITTEES

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry

This amends the general laws to ensure that athletic trainers employed by Massachusetts' school systems are qualified to perform such duties.

CHAPTER 445 -- S397

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PRESCRIPTION WRITING AUTHORITIES OF PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

Sponsor(s): Senator Edward L. Burke, Representative John E. McDonough

Allows physicians' assistants to further prescribe medications, order tests and therapeutics in all health care settings as opposed to just long-term care and hospice care settings.

CHAPTER 480 -- S397

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ALLOWING FOR THE USE OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICINAL PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi

Allows for the limited prescriptive use of marijuana for alleviating pain of patients with terminal illness.

CHAPTER 484 -- H1173

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PHYSICIAN OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan F. Rourke

Amends existing law to require further and more detailed notification by physicians to patients and the Board of Registration in Medicine of ownership interests in physical therapy practices.

CHAPTER 495 -- H5900

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOSPITAL FINANCING

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld, H6100 - Representative Carmen D. Buell

Establishes a new hospital financing system whereby hospitals and insurers, including Blue Cross and Medicaid, are free to negotiate rates and selective contracts. This law also establishes a pilot small business health insurance program that requires insurers to make health insurance available to all small businesses up to twenty-five employees.

CHAPTER 509 -- S373

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF NON-REUSABLE HYPODERMIC SYRINGES

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry, Representative Charles F. Flaherty

Requires all hospitals and clinics licensed by the Commonwealth to use non-reusable hypodermic syringes.

CHAPTER 545 -- H3043

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPENSING OF SAMPLE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

Sponsor(s): Representative Francis G. Mara

Allows authorized medical professionals, including physicians, dentists, podiatrists, nurse practitioners and veterinarians, to dispense non-narcotic sample controlled substances.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Representative Raymond A. Jordan Jr., Chairman

CHAPTER 14 -- H5382

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION
Sponsor(s): Executive Offices of Communities and Development

This is a technical correction to the Criminal Offenders Record Information (CORI) law (Chapter 319, Acts of 1990) which changes the word "data" to "date".

CHAPTER 51 -- H1338

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MDC TO NAME A CERTAIN ROTARY IN THE WEST ROXBURY SECTION OF THE CITY OF BOSTON IN HONOR OF FRANK R. KELLEY

Sponsor(s): Representative Marian Walsh

Directs the MDC to designate a rotary in West Roxbury at the intersection of the West Roxbury Parkway and Veterans of Foreign Wars Parkway in memory of Frank R. Kelley.

CHAPTER 91 -- S1513

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF LYNN AS THE JAN ERNEST MATZELIGER MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

Directs the MDC to designate a pedestrian bridge which crosses the Michael J. Carroll Parkway in Lynn in memory of Jan Ernest Matzeliger.

CHAPTER 130 -- S1609

AN ACT EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY CONVERSION

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Chapter 671 of the Acts of 1989 placed a moratorium on the conversions of SRO units to other forms of housing or other uses. The moratorium expired in July, 1991. Chapter 130 further extended the moratorium until October of 1991.

CHAPTER 138, SECTION 269 -- H5334

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry, Representative Raymond Jordan

The Commission will address the issues surrounding administration of the rental assistance programs in the Commonwealth in a comprehensive fashion. This includes looking at both the federal and state rental assistance programs and their delivery systems. The objective is to strengthen the effectiveness of rental assistance programs.

CHAPTER 302 -- S1683

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN ELDERLY COMPLEX IN RANDOLPH AS THE JAMES W. BRENNAN ELDERLY HOUSING COMPLEX

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul W. White

Directs EOCB to designate an elderly public housing complex in Randolph in honor of James W. Brennan.

CHAPTER 323 -- S454

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE MASS. COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry

Further aligns the Massachusetts anti-discrimination statute with the Federal law, specifically provisions stated in the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1990. Non-equivalency would have resulted in discontinuance of federal funding to the MCAD.

CHAPTER 375 -- S1673

AN ACT IMPROVING PUBLIC GOLFING FACILITIES RELATIVE TO PONKAPPOAG GOLF COURSE

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

Establishes a separate fund at the Ponkapoag Golf Course allowing the course to retain 45% or \$450,000, whichever is greater, of the total fees or any other revenue source generated at the course. These funds can be used for capital improvements, personnel, maintenance and improvements. The MDC is the agency which manages and funds the Ponkapoag Golf Course through its line-item budget. Prior to passage, all funds generated at the Course reverted to MDC General Fund. Chapter 375 will allow the Ponkapoag facility to retain a portion of revenue for its own operation costs.

CHAPTER 434 -- H5337

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN PUBLIC DEED RESTRICTIONS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Sponsor(s): Economic Office of Communities and Development

Insures that purchase options, which help guarantee that certain state funded affordable housing projects (such as SHARP projects) remain affordable, will continue in effect for 50 years.

CHAPTER 486 -- S1628

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ON-CAMPUS HOUSING AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael LoPresti Jr.

Allows Boston University to obtain financing to develop the site known as the Commonwealth Armory by amending existing legislation regarding "right of reversion" to the Commonwealth while the property is subject to a mortgage. This new site was Purchased by B.U. in 1983, The development plan, made in conjunction with a Community Task Force, will allow B.U. to construct dormitories to house at least 75% of its students and some faculty, as well as create recreational/athletic and academic facilities, commercial/retail space and parking. Housing is intended mainly for B.U. students and faculty, but will also be available for students, faculty and staff of other area colleges and universities. Recreational/athletic facilities will be used by B.U. students as well as students enrolled in the Boston public schools and other primary and secondary schools in the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 554 -- S1584

AN ACT TO PROTECT CONDOMINIUM RESIDENTS AND TENANTS

Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry

This new law will change the process by which overdue condo fees and other common charges may be collected by the condo associations. Due to the decline in real estate equity, investors and owners of condominiums, in some cases, have stopped paying their monthly fees owed to the condo associations for maintenance, taxes, and other operating costs. This means that the condo associations cannot afford to pay for such services as heat, insurance, water and sewer services, as well as building repairs. Chapter 554 addresses this problem by allowing tenants living in units where the owner is not paying condo fees to pay these fees directly and to deduct them from their rent. The law also provides legal protections for the tenant against any retaliatory action by the absentee owner.

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS
Representative Paul Kollios, Chairman

CHAPTER 4 -- H5233

A RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO VETERANS' AFFAIRS IN THE COMMONWEALTH
Sponsor(s): Representative Edward G. Connolly

Establishes a Special Commission to study veterans' affairs in the Commonwealth. It will consist of two members of the Senate, three members of the House of Representatives, two people to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be the President of the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Agents Association, Inc.. The Commission will review existing veterans' benefits programs and "necessary changes", existing veterans' service programs and their rules and regulations, and the feasibility of establishing a "Veterans Lottery" under the State Lottery Commission to raise funds for benefits and services for those involved in the Persian Gulf War.

CHAPTER 109 -- H5498

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS BENEFITS
Sponsor(s): Representative Michael W. Morrissey, Representative Lida E. Harkins

Amends the definition of a veteran to include people who performed wartime services as Panamanian intervention force veterans or Persian Gulf Veterans.

CHAPTER 122 -- H5643

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING AT THE CHELSEA SOLDIERS' HOME AS THE ALFRED R. VOKE BUILDING
Sponsor(s): Representative William G. Reinstein

Designates the headquarters building at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home as the Alfred R. Voke Building in honor of the former mayor of Chelsea and former representative of the twenty-third district of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

CHAPTER 280 -- H296

AN ACT ADDING PAROLE OFFICERS AS MANDATED REPORTERS FOR PURPOSES OF REPORTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT
Sponsor(s): Department of Social Services

Amends Section 51A of Chapter 119, which pertains to the care and protection of children. It adds parole officers to the list of professionals who are mandated to report suspected cases of abuse and/or neglect.

CHAPTER 329 -- H5397

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING CHILD CARE IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor(s): Joan M. Menard

Amends Chapter 521 of the Acts of 1990, which provides a number of incentives for employers to develop child care centers for their employees. Changes the effective date of a requirement that the state contract only with employees, from September 1, 1991 to July 1, 1992. In addition, it gives authority to grant exceptions to the Secretary of Administration and Finance rather than the Governor.

CHAPTER 405 -- S1719

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VETERANS OF THE PERSIAN GULF CONFLICT

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

Amends the definition of "veteran" used by the Commonwealth's Housing Authorities. Currently, Housing Authorities use a more limited definition, last amended during the Vietnam War. Technically, veterans of subsequent actions are not eligible for veterans' preferences in public housing. Chapter 405 amends the Housing Authority Statute to reference the standard state definition of "veteran" (chapter 4, section 7, clause 43). This standard includes veterans of Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf.

CHAPTER 454 -- H5686

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES

Sponsor(s): Committee redraft

Amends Chapter 123A by permitting both the judicial suspension of civil commitments to the Sexually Dangerous Treatment Center and the transfer of persons with suspended commitments to Department of Correction custody under the following conditions:

- 1) the committed person is serving an unexpired concurrent criminal sentence;
- 2) petition is filed by the Department of Mental Health or the Department of Correction seeking a suspension of com-

mitment and transfer to a Department of Correction facility;

3) the committed person is judicially determined to be a threat to others or a threat to escape.

Also allows for an emergency transfer of an individual meeting the above criteria who is also an imminent threat. It also directs the Parole Board to establish special standards for violent sexual offenders.

CHAPTER 467 -- H374

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO THE TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD FOR CERTAIN VETERANS' BENEFITS PAID BY SAID TOWN

Sponsor(s): Representative Walter A. DeFilippi

Allows, subject to appropriation and approval by the Commissioner of Veterans Services, the town of West Springfield to be paid a sum not exceeding ninety thousand four hundred thirty dollars and eighty-one cents (\$90,430.81). These funds are reimbursement for veterans' benefits paid by West Springfield from June 1986 through September 1989.

CHAPTER 492 -- H5449

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Sponsor(s): Representative Marie J. Parente, Representative Gloria L. Fox, Representative Larry F. Giordano, Representative Stanley C. Rosenberg

Requires that all placement agencies provide a "child profile" to foster parents when a child is placed in their home. The profile will either precede or accompany the child upon placement and will contain the following information:

- 1) a history of the child's previous placements and the reason for placement changes;
- 2) a history of the child's problem behaviors and mental and emotional problems;
- 3) educational status and school-related problem behaviors and;
- 4) any other psychological, educational, medical, and health information that may be necessary for the proper care of the child.

In the case of emergency placement, DSS has 10 days to provide the child's profile; however a brief verbal or written statement must be given at the time of placement.

COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE
Representative Francis G. Mara, Chairman

CHAPTER 46 -- S593

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DENTAL INSURANCE

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian, Senator Robert C. Buell

Allows any dental service corporation to enter into contracts with an agency or corporation for the joint or cooperative writing and issuing of subscription certificates to the residents of the Commonwealth or of any other state.

CHAPTER 92 -- S1539

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ASSESSMENT OF A DEFICIT OF THE JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian

Provides that assessments for the Joint Underwriting Association (JUA) deficit for medical malpractice shall be based on categories of the insured as classified by the Commissioner of Insurance. Also provides that no JUA deficit shall be recovered against any person in the doctor or dental science category of insured except at a proportional rate directly related to the doctor or dental science category of insured.

CHAPTER 143 -- S5847

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR SHOPS

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian

Provides that any person who wishes to engage in motor vehicle repairs shall register with the Division of Standards in the Executive Office of Consumer Affairs.

CHAPTER 172 -- H5525

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COVERAGE OF THE TOWN OF WEST TISBURY

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Provides that the town of West Tisbury is authorized to refund proportionately to eligible insured members employed by the town the refunded money received by the town from Blue Cross Blue Shield under the municipalities' group insurance policy.

CHAPTER 326 -- H6110

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INSURANCE INVESTIGATORS

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert L. Howarth

Provides that someone contracted by an insurance company to work in the capacity of an insurance adjuster or fire investigator would not be required to be licensed through the Department of Public Safety as a private detective.

CHAPTER 330 -- H5955

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN RETIREMENT AND DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY THE BEVERLY POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED

Sponsor(s): Representative James R. Henry

Provides that the Beverly Police Relief Association pay an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars to a member of the Association in good standing upon the member's retirement with twenty years of service as a permanent officer of the city. Also provides that any member of the Association with less than twenty years of service who by reason of disability, retires, shall receive one-twentieth of the ten thousand dollars for every year served as a member in good standing of the Association.

CHAPTER 338 -- H5980

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FEES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY C-MED RADIO SYSTEM

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter Forman

Requires Plymouth County Hospital to be assessed a fee for the maintenance and operation of the Plymouth County C-Med Radio System. The net patient revenues of the hospitals shall be adjusted by the Rate Setting Commission to reflect the total amount of the assessment.

CHAPTER 339 -- H6015

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONVERSION OF A MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Sponsor(s): Representative John F. Cox

Provides requirements and a completion of proceedings for a domestic mutual life insurance company in converting to a domestic stock insurance company.

CHAPTER 340 -- H6248

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION OF THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin G. Honan

Amends four sections relative to the Charitable Association of the Boston Fire Department. The changes have received the approval of the members of the association and are technical in nature.

CHAPTER 347 -- H3973

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITY CONTRACTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul C. Casey

Eliminates the requirement that a trustee of a will petition the probate court in order to invest the income or principal of a trust fund in policies of life or endowment insurance or annuity contracts.

CHAPTER 370 -- H392

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FURTHER REGULATING CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS BY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas P. Kennedy

Eliminates the 1942 statute which provided for the "Unit System" along with any similar contractual provisions between medical service corporations and the providers, which would allow the medical services corporations to reduce or prorate deficit not directly related to such category of insurance.

CHAPTER 376 -- H5804

AN ACT RELATIVE TO UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE COVERAGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Louis L. Kafka

Amends Chapter 258 of the Massachusetts General Laws which prohibited a plaintiff injured by a municipal employee from recovering amounts under his own uninsured motor coverage in excess of \$100,000. Also provides that automobile accident victims would have access to the full amount of their uninsured coverage even where the tort-feasor liability is limited by statute.

CHAPTER 389 -- H5803

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIQUOR LIABILITY JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen J. Karol

Extends the expiration of the liquor liability Joint Underwriters Association until December 31, 1994.

CHAPTER 430 -- H1341

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXAMINATION OF AUTO DAMAGE APPRAISERS

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul Kollios

Provides that an applicant that fails to pass the examination to become an auto damage appraiser shall be allowed to review his examination.

CHAPTER 478 -- H6383

AN ACT REGULATING HEALTH INSURANCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Sponsor(s): Representative Bruce E. Tarr

Requires that any requested premium increase in excess of fifteen percent by commercial insurers or health maintenance organizations for a policy of medicare supplemental insurance shall be communicated to subscribers at least ninety days prior to the effective date of such increase. Also requires that any requested premium increase in excess of twenty percent filed by Blue Cross Blue Shield with the Division of Insurance for a medicare supplemental insurance product billed directly to the subscriber, shall be communicated to subscribers during their next scheduled billing cycle, consistent with regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Insurance.

CHAPTER 508 -- S567

AN ACT TO AMEND THE INSURANCE LAWS TO DEFINE THE TERM WARRANTY

Sponsor(s): Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi

Defines the term "warranty" as meaning an agreement made by a manufacturer, distributor, or seller of goods or services which relates to the character, quality or fitness of real or personal property, including an affirmation or collateral obligation incidental to the sale of real property, and providing for the repair or replacement of the items covered by the agreement for defective parts and mechanical failure or for damage resulting from ordinary wear and tear.

CHAPTER 516 -- S1667

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INSURANCE INFORMATION AND PRIVACY PROTECTION
Sponsor(s): Representative Francis G. Mara, Senator Lois Pines

Requires insurance companies to receive the permission of a consumer before any personal information is disclosed and also allows a consumer to inspect his or her file and request changes of inaccurate information.

CHAPTER 540 -- H6109

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BENEFITS TO BE PAID BY THE MELROSE POLICE RELIEF CORPORATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Timothy F. O'Leary

Provides that the Melrose Police Relief Corporation is authorized upon the retirement of any member in good standing from the Police Department of the city of Melrose to pay a member a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, as may be determined by vote of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi, Chairman

CHAPTER 8 -- S1338

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR SUPERIOR COURT OFFICER JOHN GRIMALDI

Sponsor(s): Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi, Representative Daniel J. Ranieri

CHAPTER 38 -- H4982

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR YONG SUK LAWSON, AN EMPLOYEE OF NORFOLK COUNTY PROBATE COURT.

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen A. Tobin

CHAPTER 98 -- H5405

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRIAL COURT TO ESTABLISH A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR FERNANDO PANISS

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel J. Ranieri, Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi

CHAPTER 125 -- H1575

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE DAILY LOGS OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert H. Marsh

Mandates that officers of colleges or universities who have been appointed under the provisions of Section 10G, maintain a daily log of all responses to valid complaints, crimes reported, etc..

CHAPTER 157 -- H5752

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGES

Sponsor(s): Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi

Simplifies the foreclosure process under Chapter 244 of the General Laws and the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act, by eliminating technical problems and makes purchase from a foreclosure sale more certain.

CHAPTER 159 -- H967

**AN ACT TO FURTHER REGULATE THE DETECTION OF UREA FORMALDEHYDE
FOAM INSULATION**

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel J. Ranieri
Real estate agents, brokers, salesmen or banks and other lending institutions shall not be liable for impairment of value or other injuries resulting from exposure or the presence of UFFI.

CHAPTER 162 -- H5603

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR FRANK C. D'ELIA, AN
EMPLOYEE OF THE WORCESTER JUVENILE COURT**

Sponsor(s): Representative Andrew Collaro

CHAPTER 166 -- H4721

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PROTECTIVE COVENANTS
FOR REAL PROPERTY AT BEAVER LAKE IN THE TOWN OF WARE**

Sponsor(s): Representative Patrick F. Landers III

States that the protective covenants recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds by Beaver Lake Inc., and the Beaver Lake Club Corporation are to be extended.

CHAPTER 173 -- S1541

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPPORT OF CHILDREN

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini, Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi

Prior to the passage of this act the court made appropriate orders of maintenance, support and education for any child between 18 and 21, living with a parent and principally dependent on such parent. This bill increases the age limit to 23 in case of divorce and separation, but only for educational costs up to an undergraduate degree.

CHAPTER 249 -- H3442

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO PERSONS DESIGNATED TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN
THE COMMONWEALTH**

Sponsor(s): Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi

Reduces the fee for which the Governor may authorize a person to perform a marriage from \$250 to \$25.

CHAPTER 301 -- S679

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACTIONS BY NON-PROFIT LAND CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS OR LAND TRUSTS

Sponsor(s): Senator Lucile P. Hicks

States that the 20 year limit for the recovery of land shall not apply to a non-profit land conservation organization or land trust for the recovery of land held for conservation.

CHAPTER 320 -- S738

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOTICE IN CERTAIN PROBATE ACTIONS

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael LoPresti Jr., Judge Alfred Podolski,
Senator David H. Locke

Prior to the passage of this act, hearings on wills proved in other states or countries in which a person interested in such will has produced the same to the Probate Court because there is property within the Commonwealth on which the will may operate, must be publicized as to the time and place of such hearing in a newspaper for three successive weeks. This was also required in cases in which it is presumed that the highest possible price was obtained for the sale of real estate, after the entry of a decree authorizing an executor, administrator, guardian, conservator or trustee to make such a sale. This act changes the requirement for publication from "three successive weeks" to "at such times and in such newspapers as the court orders".

CHAPTER 401 -- H234

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM POST JUDGMENT PROCEDURE IN EMINENT DOMAIN CASES

Sponsor(s): Department of Public Works

Clarifies a discrepancy in Chapter 258 of the General Laws.

CHAPTER 408 -- H6013

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN RECORDS OF DECEASED PERSONS

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert C. Lawless

Allows the executor or duly appointed administrator of the deceased person's estate or the attorney of the executor, upon a written authorization by said executor or administrator, to inspect hospital or clinic records.

CHAPTER 409 -- H5618

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PROBATE JUDGES IN HAMPDEN COUNTY
Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Increases the number of judges in Hampden County Probate Court from 2 to 3. Decreases the number of probate court circuit judges from 6 to 5. The circuit judge position eliminated in Section 2 shall become a full-time position in Hampden County Probate Court.

CHAPTER 419 -- S1443

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES
Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr.

Inserts after the word "court" in Section 38 of Chapter 207, in line 9, the words:- , or a clerk or assistant clerk to the senate or house of representatives.

CHAPTER 454 -- H5686

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PERSONS TO CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES
Sponsor(s): Representative Edward M. Lambert Jr.

Amends Chapter 123A by permitting both the judicial suspension of civil commitments to the Sexually Dangerous Treatment Center and the transfer of persons with suspended commitments to the Department of Correction custody.

CHAPTER 470 -- H5750

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OF MINORS AND INCOMPETENT PERSONS
Sponsor(s): Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi

Allows the court to review and approve a personal injury settlement for a minor or incompetent person where a settlement has been filed and signed by all parties.

CHAPTER 475 -- H6132

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ENTERTAINMENT CONTRACTS FOR CHILDREN
Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald

Provides that a written contract shall be limited to a term of three years and approved by the Probate & Family Court for any child under the age of eighteen who performs certain entertainment activities such as, singing, dancing, songwriting, appearing in a pageant, etc.. The provisions above shall not apply to the following activities: use or exhibition of any child in a church, academy, or school, graduation exercises, private homes or in the performance of radio or television programs in cases where the child or children broadcasting do so from a school, church, academy, museum, or library.

CHAPTER 497 - H5373

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF CERTAIN LIENS ON PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF REVERE

Sponsor(s): Representative William G. Reinstein

Allows Revere to place a lien on property if health code penalties, fines, or other charges remain unpaid. Such lien would be placed on the property in the same manner other liens are placed for unpaid taxes, assessments, water rates and charges and municipal light plant charges.

CHAPTER 498 -- H5751

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INDEMNIFICATION OF DAMAGES IN CIVIL CASES

Sponsor(s): Representative Salvatore F. DiMasi

States that an injured party may request, in writing, of a Massachusetts insurer the amount of the limits of the insured's liability coverage that the injured party is making claim against and the insurer shall reply within days of receiving such request. Failure to comply with a written request within 14 days shall constitute an unfair claim settlement practice.

CHAPTER 502 -- S1769

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CERTAIN SUPERIOR COURT OFFICER OF THE TRIAL COURT

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael LoPresti Jr.

Creates a sick leave bank for Superior Court Officer James B. Grady Jr.. It allows any trial court employee to contribute to the bank one or more personal or vacation days.

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COMMITTEE ON LOCAL AFFAIRS
Representative Christopher J. Hodgkins, Chairman

CHAPTER 19 -- H5247

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH
Sponsor(s): Representative Peter Forman

CHAPTER 20 -- S1379

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE OF CERTAIN BONDS BY THE CITY OF HOLYOKE
Sponsor(s): Senator Martin J. Dunn, Representative Robert J. Rohan

CHAPTER 21 -- H5395

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF TREASURER-COLLECTOR IN THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
Sponsor(s): Representative Robert L. Howarth

CHAPTER 22 -- H5426

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
Sponsor(s): Representative John R. Driscoll

CHAPTER 26 -- H3808

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE TO ESTABLISH A CERTAIN TRUST FUND
Sponsor(s): Representative Suzanne M. Bump

CHAPTER 27 -- S831

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF TEMPLETON TO PAY FOR THE FUNERAL EXPENSES OF ROGER HOUGHTON, A FIREFIGHTER KILLED IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTY
Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore

CHAPTER 29 -- H4736

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MILLVILLE TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael W. Morrissey

CHAPTER 30 -- S1466

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME BY WHICH THE BUDGET MUST BE SUBMITTED IN CITIES

Sponsor(s): Senator Charles E. Shannon, Representative Vincent P. Ciampa

CHAPTER 31 -- H5310

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO BORROW MONEY FOR RENOVATION AND REPAIR OF THE CITY HALL

Sponsor(s): Representative Vincent P. Ciampa

CHAPTER 34 -- H5517

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FISCAL CONDITION OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard A. Voke, Senator Thomas F. Birmingham

CHAPTER 35 -- H3813

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWTON TO USE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND FOR THE SITE OF A SEWER PUMPING STATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan D. Schur

CHAPTER 39 -- H5425

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR AND TREASURER IN THE TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative John R. Driscoll

CHAPTER 40 -- H5190

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF

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ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE TOWN OF WALES**

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert L. Howarth

CHAPTER 41 -- H5589

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF
WALPOLE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCE AUTHORITY**

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 42 -- H4670

AN ACT RELATIVE TO RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF NEW BRAINTREE

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore, Representative Stephen M.
Brewer

CHAPTER 43 -- H5297

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GRAVEL FROM CERTAIN FOREST LAND**

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Poirier

CHAPTER 49 -- H5326

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEWER BETTERMENTS IN THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles N. Decas

CHAPTER 50 -- H5563

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEWTON

Sponsor(s): Representative David B. Cohen, Senator Lois G. Pines

CHAPTER 53 -- H5356

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO LEASE A CERTAIN PARCEL
OF LAND**

Sponsor(s): Representative Marc R. Pacheco, Representative Joan
M. Menard

CHAPTER 59 -- H5518

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH HADLEY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY TO THE JAMES RIVER CORPORATION OF VIRGINIA, JAMES RIVER GRAPHICS GROUP-SOUTH HADLEY NOW KNOWN AS THE GRAPHICS TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Sponsor(s): Representative Shannon P. O'Brien, Senator John W. Oliver

CHAPTER 62 -- H5328

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRUST AND CEMETERY COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

Sponsor(s): Representative Jonathan L. Healy, Senator John W. Oliver

CHAPTER 65 -- H5507

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAWRENCE TO ABATE AND REFUND CERTAIN PROPERTY TAXES

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin P. Blanchette

CHAPTER 66 -- H5301

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF HEALTH IN THE CITY KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF AGAWAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh, Senator Linda J. Melconian

CHAPTER 68 -- H2491

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HOLDEN TO DESIGNATE SEPARATE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS FOR THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jane McKenna

CHAPTER 73 -- H5355

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF CERTAIN LAND BY THE MASHPEE WATER DISTRICT WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ENGINEERING

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir, Senator Henri S. Rauschenbach

CHAPTER 75 -- H5562

**AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF LONGMEADOW
RELATIVE TO A CERTAIN ZONING BY-LAW**

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 76 -- H5505

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE TO LEASE CERTAIN SPACE IN
THE TOWN HALL**

Sponsor(s): Representative Marie J. Parente

CHAPTER 77 -- H5672

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM
OF MONEY TO CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE, INC.**

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul E. Caron, Mayor Mary Hurley

CHAPTER 86 -- S811

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER TO REIMBURSE WHITMAN &
HOWARD, INC., FOR CERTAIN SERVICES PERFORMED IN SAID CITY**

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert C. Buell, Representative Bruce E.
Tarr

CHAPTER 87 -- H5745

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LEOMINSTER TO BORROW MONEY TO
RENOVATE CERTAIN CITY-OWNED BUILDINGS AND TO LEASE SPACE FOR USE
AS A COURTHOUSE**

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert A. Antonioni

CHAPTER 96 -- H5478

AN ACT EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MASHPEE WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir, Senator Henri S.
Rauschenbach

CHAPTER 97 -- S1410

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL WATER AND SEWER DRAINAGE
REHABILITATION FUND IN THE CITY OF QUINCY

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Michael W.
Morrissey, Representative Robert Cerasoli, Repre-
sentative Stephen A. Tobin

CHAPTER 102 -- S1511

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE LYNN PORT AUTHORITY IN THE CITY OF LYNN

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

CHAPTER 103 -- S1455

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN FINANCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE CITY OF
HOLYOKE

Sponsor(s): Senator Martin J. Dunn

CHAPTER 107 -- H839

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BORROWING PROCEDURE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett, Senator Paul W. White

CHAPTER 113 -- S5427

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HUDSON TO CONVEY CERTAIN PARCELS
OF LAND USED FOR WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Representative Patricia A. Walrath, Senator Robert
A. Durand

CHAPTER 115 -- H5568

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO GRANT AN EASEMENT IN
CERTAIN PARK LAND IN SAID CITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter J. Larkin

CHAPTER 117 -- H5656

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID
BILLS

Sponsor(s): Representative Louis L. Kafka, Senator William R. Keating

CHAPTER 118 -- S1593

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO CONVEY CERTAIN PARCELS OF CONSERVATION LAND

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Havern

CHAPTER 119 -- H5540

AN ACT MERGING THE PINECROFT WATER DISTRICT OF WEST BOYLSTON WITH THE WEST BOYLSTON WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative William Constantino, Senator Arthur E. Chase

CHAPTER 120 -- H5627

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS

Sponsor(s): Representative Louis L. Kafka, Senator R. Keating

CHAPTER 124 -- H5697

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BOLTON TO CONVEY CERTAIN CONSERVATION LAND

Sponsor(s): Representative Patricia A. Walrath, Senator Mary Padula

CHAPTER 127 -- H5586

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF GRAFTON AND WESTBOROUGH

Sponsor(s): Representative John R. Driscoll

CHAPTER 146 -- H5867

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION VOTES PASSED AT THE TOWN OF CHATHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld, Senator Henri S. Rauschenbach

CHAPTER 149 -- H5835

AN ACT VALIDATING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND THE JUNE SEVENTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF EASTON
Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 152 -- H5592

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS

Sponsor(s): Representative Bruce E. Tarr, Senator Robert C. Buell

CHAPTER 155 -- H5655

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A TOWN MANAGER IN THE TOWN OF LENOX

Sponsor(s): Representative Christopher J. Hodgkins, Senator Jane M. Swift

CHAPTER 169 -- H5611

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TREE WARDEN AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, Senator Robert L. Hedlund

CHAPTER 170 -- H5612

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR IN THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, Senator Robert L. Hedlund

CHAPTER 174 -- H5792

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FINANCING OF CERTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWN OF HANSON

Sponsor(s): Representative William B. Vernon, Senator William R. Keating

CHAPTER 182 -- H5844

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 189 -- S1613

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LUNENBURG TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL

Sponsor(s): Senator Mary Padula, Representative Augusta Hornblower

CHAPTER 192 -- H5805

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CERTAIN RESERVE FUND IN THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES AND CERTAIN DEPARTMENTAL EQUIPMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 194 -- H5914

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF COMMISSIONER OF CODE ENFORCEMENT IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND THE CREATION OF A DEPARTMENT OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

CHAPTER 198 -- H3093

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE TO SET CERTAIN FEES, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Sponsor(s): Representative John A. Businger, Representative Marc D. Draisen

CHAPTER 199 -- H1949

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Marc R. Pacheco

CHAPTER 200 -- H6036

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RECEIVERSHIP IN THE CITY OF CHELSEA

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Governor Weld's proposal to establish a receiver for the city of Chelsea was given initial approval by the Joint Committee on Local Affairs. After hours of testimony, it was evident to the committee members that such a proposal was the only alternative to address the serious financial conditions in Chelsea. The Chelsea receivership now stands as the most significant state takeover of a municipal government since the early 1930's.

CHAPTER 202 -- H5408

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF OPEN AIR PARKING LOTS

Sponsor(s): Representative William B. Vernon

The current law has a maximum one hundred dollar fine for a violation of the open-air parking license statute. Chapter 202 authorizes a maximum fine of three hundred dollars for such a violation if established by a local by-law.

CHAPTER 208 -- H5249

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD TO TRANSFER OR DISPOSE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF OPEN SPACE IN SAID CITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

CHAPTER 209 -- H5673

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF GAS AND PLUMBING INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY

Sponsor(s): Representative Shannon P. O'Brien

CHAPTER 210 -- H5938

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN APPROPRIATION VOTES PASSED AT THE TOWN OF MAYNARD ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 211 -- H5845

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE TOWN OF WESTFORD

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 212 -- S1543

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN ANNUAL TOWN REPORT MAY REPORT THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore, Representative Mary Jane McKenna

Allows the annual town report to be prepared for either the calendar or fiscal year. Since most municipal data currently reflects the fiscal year period, this change should make it somewhat easier to compile the annual report.

CHAPTER 223 -- H6051

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEFERRING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN TEACHERS

Sponsor(s): Representative Sally P. Kerans

Chapter 223 establishes a process by which communities can choose to participate in the teacher summer pay deferral program. Under this statute, communities can now choose to participate or not participate in the deferral of their teachers' annual salaries by a simple majority vote of the board of selectmen. In addition, this law provides a process by which regional school districts could reject the teachers' summer pay deferral provision. This is not an option under the original budget language.

CHAPTER 226 -- H5555

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PENALTY FOR TENDING CERTAIN INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECKS

Sponsor(s): Representative Douglas W. Petersen

Any individual submitting a check to a city or town with insufficient funds will be subject to a more severe penalty under the provisions of this new law. A "bad" check would carry the penalty of twenty-five dollars instead of the prior amount of five dollars.

CHAPTER 232 -- H5860

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SPENCER TO TRANSFER A PARCEL OF LAND PRESENTLY BEING USED AS PARK LAND TO BE USED FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen M. Brewer

CHAPTER 233 -- H5815

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DANVERS TO ESTABLISH AN EDUCATIONAL RESERVE FUND

Sponsor(s): Representative Sally P. Kerans

CHAPTER 243 -- H5962

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO SELL AND CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PARK LAND

Sponsor(s): Representative Nelson Merced

CHAPTER 250 -- H5613

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FALMOUTH HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 251 -- H5720

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL

Sponsor(s): Representative Shannon P. O'Brien

CHAPTER 252 -- H5573

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHARTER ENFORCEMENT IN THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert C. Lawless

CHAPTER 253 -- H5574

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert C. Lawless

CHAPTER 256 -- H5371

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HULL TO ENTER INTO CERTAIN LONG-TERM CONTRACTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray

CHAPTER 262 -- H5716

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REVOLVING FUND IN THE TOWN OF SANDWICH

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir

CHAPTER 263 -- H5447

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BICYCLING MESSENGERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin G. Honan

CHAPTER 264 -- H5576

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BICYCLE TRAFFIC ON COMMERCIAL STREET IN THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert C. Lawless

CHAPTER 269 -- H5717

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROCEEDS OF CERTAIN BONDS OR NOTES ISSUED AND TO BE ISSUED FOR SEWERAGE PURPOSES BY THE TOWN OF BOURNE

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir

CHAPTER 277 -- S1634

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AND ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM TO BE TOWN MEETING MEMBERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Edward L. Burke

CHAPTER 278 -- H3459

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VACANCIES IN TOWN OFFICES

Sponsor(s): Representative John A. Businger, Representative Kevin G. Honan

CHAPTER 281 -- H5445

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF LUDLOW

Sponsor(s): Senator Edward L. Burke, Representative Barbara E. Gray, Representative David P. Magnani

CHAPTER 284 -- S1558

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF PEMBROKE

Sponsor(s): Senator Edward P. Kirby, Representative Charles W. Mann

CHAPTER 290 -- S1645

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LYNN TO SELL CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF SAUGUS

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

CHAPTER 294 -- H5986

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT TO FUND THE SUMMER PAY OF TEACHERS

Sponsor(s): Representative Barbara Hildt, Senator James P. Jajuga

CHAPTER 299 -- H6101

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS OF THE SEEKONK WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Philip Travis, Representative Stephen J. Karol

CHAPTER 300 -- H6153

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE FOR THE OFFICE OF TOWN TREASURER AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN THE TOWN OF NORWOOD

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating, Representative Gregory W. Sullivan

CHAPTER 303 -- H5768

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SELECTMAN-TOWN ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE TOWN OF MEDWAY

Sponsor(s): Representative Barbara Gardner, Representative Daniel J. Ranieri

CHAPTER 304 -- H6200

AN ACT CHANGING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE MILLERS FALLS FIRE AND WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Jonathan L. Healy

CHAPTER 312 -- H6121

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE WOBURN GOLF AND SKI AUTHORITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Carol A. Donovan

CHAPTER 313 -- H6163

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SAUGUS TO BORROW MONEY TO FUND CERTAIN PAYMENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Steven Angelo

CHAPTER 318 -- H6045

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CONCORD AND THE CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO NEGOTIATE A PLAN FOR DISABILITY INSURANCE FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES

Sponsor(s): Representative Pamela P. Resor

CHAPTER 325 -- H6119

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 328 -- H5311

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TO LEASE
CERTAIN LAND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin Poirier

CHAPTER 331 -- H6175

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LYNN TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN LEASE
Sponsor(s): Representative Pamela P. Resor

CHAPTER 334 -- H6034

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CONCORD TO CONVEY CERTAIN
CONSERVATION LAND TO PAUL J. DENARO
Sponsor(s): Representative Pamela P. Resor

CHAPTER 335 -- H6065

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE TREASURER, TAX
COLLECTOR AND CLERK IN THE TOWN OF PRINCETON
Sponsor(s): Representative William Constantino Jr.

CHAPTER 336 -- H6184

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DEFERRING THE COMPENSATION AND FUNDING OF
CERTAIN TEACHERS' SALARIES FOR CITIES, TOWNS AND REGIONAL SCHOOL
DISTRICTS
Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel J. Ranieri, Representative
Kevin O'Sullivan

CHAPTER 342 -- H6033

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING TOWN MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH
Sponsor(s): Representative Paul R. Haley

CHAPTER 344 -- H6010

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID
BILL
Sponsor(s): Representative Douglas W. Petersen

CHAPTER 345 -- H5941

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir

CHAPTER 346 -- H5942

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BOURNE TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN REAL
ESTATE TAXES

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir

CHAPTER 349 -- H6066

AN ACT EXTENDING THE DEADLINE FOR NOTICE REGARDING REELECTION FOR
CERTAIN TEACHERS IN THE TOWN OF WEBSTER

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore, Senator Louis P.
Bertonazzi

CHAPTER 351 -- H6229

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF
LEE

Sponsor(s): Representative Christopher J. Hodgkins

CHAPTER 354 -- H6228

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS IN THE TOWN OF
LEE

Sponsor(s): Representative Christopher J. Hodgkins, Senator Jane
M. Swift

CHAPTER 355 -- H1721

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITIES OF BEVERLY, CHELSEA, EVERETT, LYNN,
MALDEN, MELROSE, AND REVERE AND THE TOWNS OF READING, SAUGUS,
STONEHAM, SWAMPSCOTT, WAKEFIELD, AND WINTHROP TO BORROW MONEY TO
FUND CERTAIN PAYMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE RESCO INCINERATOR AND
RELATED FACILITIES

Sponsor(s): Representative Steven Angelo

CHAPTER 357 -- H5790

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO USE A PORTION OF THE NORTH COMMON FOR THE ERECTION OF A SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-RELATED PURPOSES THERETO

Sponsor(s): Representative John F. Cox, Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative Edward A. LeLacheur

CHAPTER 359 -- H5788

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO USE A PORTION OF O'DONNELL PLAYGROUND FOR THE ERECTION OF TWO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-RELATED, AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Representative John F. Cox, Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative Edward A. LeLacheur

CHAPTER 360 -- H5299

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO UTILIZE A CERTAIN PARCEL OF PARK LAND AS AN ADDITION TO EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan M. Tracy

CHAPTER 365 -- H6270

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EASTON TO FINANCE THE REMEDIATION OF AN UNDERGROUND GAS SPILL WITH ADDITIONAL BONDING REMAINING FROM ITS PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FOR A LANDFILL

Sponsor(s): Representative William B. Vernon, Senator William R. Keating

CHAPTER 366 -- H6232

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sponsor(s): Representative William R. Keating

CHAPTER 368 -- H5816

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE OFF-STREET PARKING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MILFORD

Sponsor(s): Representative Marie J. Parente

CHAPTER 369 -- H5572

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF SUPERVISOR OF
TRANSPORTATION/CUSTODIANS IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas P. Kennedy

CHAPTER 380 -- H6227

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR IN
THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, Senator Robert
L. Hedlund

CHAPTER 381 -- H6137

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A FIVE-MEMBER BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE TOWN
OF WESTBOROUGH.

Sponsor(s): Representative John R. Driscoll

CHAPTER 382 -- H5961

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LOWELL TO ESTABLISH A HUNGER AND
HOMELESS COMMISSION

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward A. LeLeacheur, Representative
John F. Cox, Representative Susan F. Rourke

CHAPTER 383 -- H6222

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF GROTON
AND PEPPERELL

Sponsor(s): Representative Augusta Hornblower, Senator Nancy A.
Sullivan

CHAPTER 385 -- H6235

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PARKING FINES IN THE TOWN OF SCITUATE

Sponsor(s): Representative Frank M. Hynes

CHAPTER 387 -- 6216

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING BETTERMENT CHARGES FOR SEWERS

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles N. Decas, Representative
Michael P. Walsh

Allows a city or town to assess and collect estimated betterment charges relative to the construction of water pollution collection, pumping treatment, and disposal facilities. When actual costs are determined, cities and towns may then assess and collect final betterment charges.

CHAPTER 390 -- H2489

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONS ON DISABILITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir, Senator Henri S.
Rauschenbach

Establishes a commission on disability whose membership would not exceed more than fifteen. The commission would advise and assist municipalities in ensuring compliance with state and federal laws affecting the disabled, coordinate programs with the Office of Community Affairs, and provide information and assistance to individuals, public agencies, businesses and organizations in all matters pertaining to disability.

CHAPTER 410 -- H6032

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SAVOY TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND TO THE SPRUCE CORNER CEMETERY CORPORATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel E. Bosley, Senator Jane M.
Swift

CHAPTER 413 -- H6255

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO ENACT A FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

Sponsor(s): Representative Alvin E. Thompson

CHAPTER 415 -- H6019

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS

Sponsor(s): Representative Douglas W. Petersen

CHAPTER 427 -- H3091

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE

Sponsor(s): Representative John A. Businger

CHAPTER 433 -- H6011

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION OF FINANCE

Sponsor(s): Representative Douglas W. Petersen

CHAPTER 441 -- H5964

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TRAFFIC AND PARKING DIRECTOR TO REGULATE CERTAIN PARKING SPACES ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE IN SAID CITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter A. Vellucci

CHAPTER 442 -- H1753

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF LINCOLN TO RELEASE A CERTAIN CONSERVATION RESTRICTION-TRAIL EASEMENT HELD BY THE TOWN.

Sponsor(s): Senator Lucile P. Hicks

CHAPTER 443 -- H6296

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE

Sponsor(s): Representative John C. Klimm

CHAPTER 446 -- H6151

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWICK

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh

CHAPTER 447 -- H6201

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH

Sponsor(s): Representative Barbara Gardner, Senator Edward L. Burke

CHAPTER 451 -- H5399

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TREE WARDEN IN THE TOWN OF BOURNE.
Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 456 -- H6333

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF SHERBORN
Sponsor(s): Representative Douglas W. Stoddart

CHAPTER 464 -- H6359

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FRANKLIN TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN LAND IN SAID TOWN
Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel J. Ranieri, Senator Edward L. Burke

CHAPTER 465 -- H6398

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSITION OF DOG OFFICER IN THE CITY OF LYNN
Sponsor(s): Representative Jeffrey L. Hayward, Representative Edward J. Clancy Jr., Senator Walter J. Boverini

CHAPTER 482 -- H5277

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING TRUST FUND IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
Sponsor(s): Representative Peter A. Vellucci

CHAPTER 496 -- H6174

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD
Sponsor(s): Representative Carmen D. Buell, Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg

CHAPTER 500 -- H6267

AN ACT VALIDATING A CERTAIN ACT OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 501 -- H6320

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH TO RELEASE ITS SANDING RIGHTS IN A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 504 -- H6351

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF HINSDALE TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING AN APPOINTED BOARD OF HEALTH

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

CHAPTER 515 -- H6195

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF ZONING ORDINANCES WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Sponsor(s): Representative Christopher J. Hodgkins, Representative Patrick F. Landers III, Representative Philip Travis

Establishes a central depository for local zoning ordinances and by-laws. Such a depository has been created by requiring cities to file its zoning ordinances with the Office of the Attorney General instead of the Executive Office of Communities and Development. Requires that all local by-laws and ordinances be maintained in the centralized filing system within the Attorney General's Office.

CHAPTER 521 -- H6319

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH TO CONVEY AN EASEMENT OVER CERTAIN PARK LAND

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 531 -- H6428

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE, BY THE CITY OF FITCHBURG AND THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER, OF CERTAIN LAND LOCATED IN SAID TOWN, FOR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Representative Emile J. Goguen

CHAPTER 532 -- H6424

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REVOLVING FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF FALL RIVER

Sponsor(s): Representative Albert Herren

CHAPTER 538 -- H6226

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTON TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ENERGY CONSERVATION RETROFIT PROGRAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert H. Marsh, Representative David F. Gately

CHAPTER 544 -- H264

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF COURT JUDGMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES BY MUNICIPALITIES

Sponsor(s): Department of Revenue

This proposal would allow cities to apply for certification of short-term notes with the Department of Revenue. Consequently, cities will also enjoy this legal and financial service provided to towns and districts in the past.

Also, this law would extend certain financial flexibility to communities by allowing the payment of final judgments, under ten thousand dollars, out of available funds without seeking prior approval from the Director of the Bureau of Accounts.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRICULTURE
Representative Steven Angelo, Chairman

CHAPTER 48 -- H5357

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCINERATOR LOCATED IN THE CITY OF FALL RIVER

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert Correia

Postpones from July 1, 1991, to July 1, 1994, the time by which the municipal solid waste incinerator in Fall River must operate with acid gas scrubbers or other such emissions control technology as required by the Department of Environmental Protection.

CHAPTER 88 -- S1548

AN ACT RELATIVE TO V-NOTCHED LOBSTERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Henri S. Rauschenbach

Allows properly licensed individuals to take from the waters of the Commonwealth, V-notched lobsters, which were previously protected under a program established by Section 44A of MGLA Chapter 130. This law expires December 31, 1993.

CHAPTER 105 -- S1414

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CONFORMITY IN CERTAIN SHELLFISH REGULATIONS

Sponsor(s): Senator Henri S. Rauschenbach

Allows the director of the Division of Marine Fisheries to establish, by regulation, the minimum size allowable for possession of quahogs, soft-shelled clams, and oysters. Violators will be subject to a fine of between \$10.00 and \$5,000.00 and/or imprisonment for up to one year.

CHAPTER 112 -- S1493

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTH READING TO IMPLEMENT AN INCREASE IN AN EXISTING INTERBASIN TRANSFER OF WATER FOR THE PURPOSE OF MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert C. Buell

Allows the Town of North Reading, with the approval of the Water Resources Commission, to implement an increase in an existing transfer of water from the Merrimack River basin to the Ipswich River basin in order to address an existing water supply deficit experienced by the Town.

CHAPTER 126 -- S1324

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NEW BEDFORD HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean, Jr.

Amends the enabling act that created the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission to improve the current operations of the Commission and to clarify the Commission's jurisdiction over the waters and lands of New Bedford Harbor.

CHAPTER 140 -- S835

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN SEWERAGE FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF BEVERLY
Sponsor(s): Senator Frederick E. Berry

Authorizes the South Essex Sewerage District to acquire easements through O'Bear Park in the City of Beverly to relocate a portion of interceptor sewer pipeline in order to avoid coastal wetlands.

CHAPTER 141 -- H5696

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM DEFINITION OF NORMAL MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT OF LAND IN AGRICULTURAL USE
Sponsor(s): Representative John George Jr.

Amends the Wetlands Protection Act to require the Department of Environmental Protection, with the advice and consent of the Department of Food and Agriculture, to promulgate regulations establishing a definition of "normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural, or in aquacultural, use" for each agricultural commodity.

CHAPTER 160 -- H3467

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN TOWNS IN THE COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY APPROVING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT DISTRICT
Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Validates certain voting actions taken by several towns in Dukes County at local town meetings relative to the establishment of a water pollution abatement district by allowing for such votes to be taken without printed ballots.

CHAPTER 161 -- H806

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE RATES OF PILOTAGE FOR THE PORT OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles W. Mann

Provides for a ten percent total increase in pilotage rates over a two-year period: a five percent increase in 1991 and an additional five percent increase in 1992.

CHAPTER 171 -- H5898

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HINGHAM NORTH SEWERAGE DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray

Allows an unsewered parcel of land with a failed septic system to hook up to an existing Hingham North Sewer District-MWRA sewer line located across from the parcel of land in question.

CHAPTER 261 -- S1549

AN ACT REQUIRING THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS FOR CERTAIN WATER PURIFICATION WORK

Sponsor(s): Senator Richard R. Tisei

Requires the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority to reimburse its member communities for any cost incurred by the communities in carrying out measures for water purification ordered by the DEP to remedy total coliform level violations found in their water systems if it is determined the violation was a result of an MWRA activity. The total reimbursement will be limited to up to \$10,000.00 per community per calendar year.

CHAPTER 364 -- S851

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS, FISHERMEN, AND TRAPPERS

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Durand

Makes it illegal for any person to either attempt to stop another individual from lawfully taking wildlife or to intentionally harass, interfere with, or inhibit another while engaging in the lawful pursuit of wildlife. Violations will be punishable by a fine of between \$100.00 and \$500.00 and/or imprisonment for up to fourteen days.

CHAPTER 372 -- S868

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF LANDOWNERS MAKING LAND AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Senator Lucile P. Hicks

Exempts from liability for any damage or injury sustained during recreational use of land those owners of conservation land who accept any voluntary contributions or payments for use of the land. Previously such an exemption applied only to those conservation land owners who permitted public recreational use of their land without charge.

CHAPTER 373 -- S850

AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN SHOOTING RANGES FROM CIVIL OR CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR NOISE POLLUTION

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Durand

Provides immunity to any owner of a shooting range from civil action or criminal prosecution in any matter relating to noise or noise pollution resulting from the use of the range if the owner was in compliance with any applicable noise control law at the time of construction of the range. These ranges are prohibited from operating between the hours of 10PM and 8AM unless otherwise allowed by the local governing body.

CHAPTER 402 -- S875

AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

Amends the establishment of a state sanitary code by the Department of Public Health to allow for the inclusion in the code of a penalty for the illegal disposal of infectious or physically dangerous medical or biological waste of up to \$25,000 or up to two years imprisonment.

CHAPTER 439 -- H6234

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OAK BLUFFS' WATER DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Creates the Oak Bluffs' Water District to provide water services and, potentially, wastewater treatment services to the residents of the town.

CHAPTER 457 -- H5542

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE NORTHERN BERKSHIRE SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Sponsor(s): Representative Daniel E. Bosley

Amends the enabling act of Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District, Chapter 135 of the Acts of 1988, to make a number of technical amendments in order to improve the District's operations, especially the issuance of debt.

CHAPTER 476 -- S1495

AN ACT PROVIDING FEDERAL RESPONDER IMMUNITY FOR MARINE OIL RELEASES

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean Jr.

Amends the hazardous waste site cleanup statute, MGLA Chapter 21E, to establish a level of liability similar to the federal standard for those responders to marine oil spills acting in compliance with the Federal Oil Pollution Act of 1990.

CHAPTER 491 -- H6279

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY TO SELL, LEASE OR DISPOSE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR OR THE GENERAL COURT

Sponsor(s): Representative Marie-Louise Kehoe

Releases the MWRA's interest in a parcel of land located in the town of Dedham which the MWRA had purchased to expedite construction in the Town, thereby enabling the Town to re-acquire the parcel without the approval of the Governor or the General Court.

CHAPTER 546 -- H5660

AN ACT RELEASING A CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTION ON LAND IN THE TOWN OF WEST BROOKFIELD

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen M. Brewer

Releases an agricultural preservation restriction (APR) on 10.6 acres of farmland to allow for the expansion of an elementary school in the Town of West Brookfield. In exchange for this release, 23.7 acres of land abutting the originally restricted property will be conveyed an APR.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE AND THE
ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION RESULTING THEREFROM

Sponsor(s): Senator Henri S. Rauschenbach

Amends the Solid Waste Management Act not only to enable a county to be considered a region for the purposes of being eligible for financial assistance but also to expand composting projects to include all other organic matter. With such a change, entities seeking to establish composting programs could utilize not just leaf and yard waste but all types of compostable materials, such as fish gurry and food wastes.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY
Representative Paul E. Caron, Chairman

CHAPTER 52 -- H1804

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF FLASHING BLUE LIGHTS ON CERTAIN VEHICLES

Sponsor(s): Representative Kenneth Lemanski

Further regulates Chapter 90 Section 7E which pertains to the displaying of red or blue lights on motor vehicles. This bill prohibits trailers from displaying a flashing blue light unless authorized by a permit from the Registry of Motor Vehicles.

CHAPTER 82 -- H4304

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore, Representative Augusta Hornblower

Adds banks and lending institutions to a list presently in Chapter 140 Section 129C. Included in this list are institutions and facilities which are not required to have on their person or place of business a firearm identification card or a license to carry in order to possess, sell or to make a loan secured by a pledge of a firearm.

CHAPTER 89 -- H4032

AN ACT RELATED TO THE EXEMPTIONS FOR NONRESIDENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

Amends Chapter 140 Section 129C Subparagraph (Q). The law now states that any nonresident who is in compliance with his or her own state law and has the proper firearms license can acquire a rifle, shotgun or ammunition in Massachusetts.

CHAPTER 90 -- S952

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SPECIAL RAILWAY POLICE

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

By simply putting the word SPECIAL in front of police, this bill amends Chapter 159 Section 92. The metallic badges worn by Railroad Police, Railway Express Police and Steamboat Police must now have the word "SPECIAL" inscribed before police.

CHAPTER 129 -- H235

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIERS ON AND OFF THE NATIONAL NETWORK

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

Brings Massachusetts into compliance with the Federal Highway Regulations. Chapter 129 increases the overall length of trucks to forty-eight feet for semitrailers in semitrailer units, and twenty-eight feet for semitrailers in tandem units. Also the allowable length of stinger steered boat transporters is increased to sixty-five feet. The boat transporters will now be allowed to haul without the need of a special permit on all public ways in the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 201 -- H5387

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT RAILROAD CROSSINGS

Sponsor(s): Representative Walter A. DeFilippi

Replaces Section 15 of Chapter 90. The new section states that any operator of a motor vehicle must use caution and reduce the speed of their vehicle when approaching a railroad crossing. Any person operating a school bus, or any motor vehicle carrying explosive substances or flammable liquids as a cargo shall bring their vehicle to a full stop not less than fifteen feet before the nearest track and not more than fifty feet before the nearest track, and shall not proceed to cross until safe. Violation brings a fine of \$100 to \$200.

CHAPTER 240 -- S984

AN ACT RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE SPEED LIMIT

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert D. Wetmore

The speed limit on the Mass Pike will increase to 65 m.p.h. on certain stretches as a result of this legislation. The affected sections will be from the New York border to the Westfield interchange (Exit 3) and from the Ludlow interchange (Exit 7) to the Auburn Interchange (Exit 10).

CHAPTER 263 -- H5447

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF BICYCLE MESSENGERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin G. Honan

Authorizes the city of Boston to adopt ordinances providing for the licensing of commercial bicycle messengers and the registration of commercial bicycle messenger services.

CHAPTER 317 -- H5706

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

Authorizes the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to issue handicap plates to agencies of the Commonwealth or its subdivisions who transport handicapped persons.

CHAPTER 412 -- H6325

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN POLICE FORCES IN THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

The Metropolitan District Commission Police Force, the Division of the State Police Force, the Capitol Police Force, and the Division of Law Enforcement of the Registry of Motor Vehicles are now consolidated into one unified police force beginning July 1, 1993 following a one-year transitional period.

CHAPTER 485 -- S936

AN ACT MODIFYING THE HOISTING ENGINEERS' LICENSING AND TRAINING LAW

Sponsor(s): Senator William R. Keating

This act updated the practices of licensing and training of hoisting engineers which had gone unchanged for years.

CHAPTER 489 -- H6212

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ISSUANCE, USE AND ENFORCEMENT OF GENERAL REGISTRATION AND GENERAL REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES ISSUED BY THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Sponsor(s): Representative Lida Harkins

This legislation requires the Registry of Motor Vehicles to issue a decal for any motor vehicle being operated with a section five registration plate, except dealers. Vehicles located in section include manufacturers, repairmen, recreational vehicles, boat and boat trailer dealers, farm vehicles, owner contractor vehicles

and transporters. A decal will be issued to a vehicle only after all title and tax obligations have been satisfied. Any vehicles which fail to display the proper decal could be easily detected and its owner penalized.

RESOLVE #3 -- H5774

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO REVISING THE VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul E. Caron

This resolve will serve to accomplish two things:

- 1) To study the present emission system in the Commonwealth. The purpose of this study will be to see if it is feasible to change the inspection maintenance program in Massachusetts from a decentralized program to a centralized program. The study is being funded by the Federal government through the Clean Air Act.
- 2) The second study will involve analyzing the California Emissions Program and the feasibility of introducing such a program in Massachusetts. The California program if implemented will place much more stringent emission standards on automobiles.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SERVICE
Representative Kevin P. Blanchette, Chairman

CHAPTER 15 -- H5388

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM WELLESLEY EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE TOWN'S CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND CHIEF OF POLICE

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert H. Marsh, Senator David H. Locke

CHAPTER 94 -- S1590

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REDUCTION IN RANK OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE QUINCY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Michael W. Morrissey, Representative Robert Cerasoli, Representative Stephen A. Tobin (redraft of S1417)

CHAPTER 148 -- H5306

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM WATERTOWN EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF CIVILIAN PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCHER

Sponsor(s): Representative Warren E. Tolman

CHAPTER 154 -- H5559

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CIVIL SERVICE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM BE APPROVED

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh

CHAPTER 183 -- H5060

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE TOWN OF NANTUCKET'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 204 -- H5653

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE TOWN OF WINTHROP

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert A. DeLeo

CHAPTER 204 -- H5965

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE CERTAIN
POSITIONS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter A. Vellucci

CHAPTER 205 -- H5560

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE CERTAIN
EMPLOYEES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD

Sponsor(s): Representative Anthony M. Scibelli (redraft of
H5305)

CHAPTER 236 -- S1638

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF LYNN
RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sponsor(s): Senator Walter J. Boverini

CHAPTER 246 -- H5338

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM BILLERICA EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE
CERTAIN CLERICAL POSITIONS IN THE OFFICE OF TOWN ASSESSOR

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert H. Marsh

CHAPTER 296 -- H5307

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM CHELSEA PROVIDING MR. JOHN P. DALIS
WITH CERTAIN CREDITABLE COMPENSATION

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard A. Voke

CHAPTER 297 -- H5534

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT FORMER SPOUSES OF PERSONS UNDER THE
CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT LAW BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION AS
BENEFICIARIES

Sponsor(s): Representative Patricia A. Walrath (redraft of H634)

CHAPTER 309 -- H5283

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM EASTHAMPTON EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THAT TOWN'S SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

Sponsor(s): Representative Shannon P. O'Brien

CHAPTER 315 -- H4051

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD SERVE A TERM CONCURRENT WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

CHAPTER 316 -- H5614

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF HINGHAM CHIEF OF POLICE

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray

CHAPTER 379 -- H6265

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF ACUSHNET TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert M. Koczera

CHAPTER 394 -- S1624

A HOME RULE PETITION FROM HOLYOKE WHICH EXTENDS CIVIL SERVICE STATUS TO MR. DEAN DICARLO, THE ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN THE HOLYOKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Senator Martin J. Dunn

CHAPTER 412 -- H6325

AN ACT TO CONSOLIDATE CERTAIN FORCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S POLICE FORCES

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

The Metropolitan District Commission Police Force, the Division of the State Police Force, the Capitol Police Force, and the Division of Law Enforcement of the Registry of Motor Vehicles are now consolidated into one unified police force beginning July 1, 1993 following a one year transitional period.

CHAPTER 416 -- H6334

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF
GARDNER POLICE CHIEF

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert D. Hawke

CHAPTER 417 -- H6105

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF
EVERETT POLICE CHIEF

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward G. Connolly

CHAPTER 418 -- H6258

A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A SENIORITY SYSTEM IN THE WEST
SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Walter A. DiFilippi

CHAPTER 422 -- H6148

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE THE POSITION OF
PLYMOUTH CHIEF JUSTICE

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter Forman

CHAPTER 435 -- H6271

A HOME RULE PETITION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST TISBURY TO
REFUND THE ELIGIBLE AND INSURED TOWN EMPLOYEES A PROPORTION OF
THEIR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 440 -- S1730

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT
BOARD TO PAY TO MR. JAMES DEVLIN, THE WIDOWER OF FORMER STATE
TROOPER MS. DONNA DEVLIN, A PERMANENT RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

Sponsor(s): Senator James P. Jajuga (redraft of S1618)

CHAPTER 448 -- H6400

**A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN
OF NEEDHAM RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Sponsor(s): Representative Lida E. Harkins

CHAPTER 449 -- H6401

**A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN
OF WATERTOWN RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Sponsor(s): Representative Warren E. Tolman

CHAPTER 450 -- H6274

**A HOME RULE PETITION ALLOWING THE CITY OF BOSTON RETIREMENT
SYSTEM TO FUND ITS ADOPTED SCHEDULE**

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

CHAPTER 473 -- S1463

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEACHER'S RETIREMENT BOARD TO PAY TO MARY
JANE KELLEY AN OPTION C SURVIVOR'S PENSION BENEFIT**

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian

CHAPTER 487 -- H6224

**AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT BUREAU
TO PAY MICHAEL JOYCE, A RETIRED IAB ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE, AN
AMOUNT EQUAL TO 20% OF HIS ACCRUED UNUSED SICK LEAVE BENEFITS**

Sponsor(s): Representative Marian Walsh

CHAPTER 494 -- H6308

**AN ACT MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
REGULATIONS CONCERNING SOCIAL SECURITY COVERAGE FOR PART-TIME
EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS SUBDIVISIONS**

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin P. Blanchette

CHAPTER 505 -- H6406

**A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY
OF WORCESTER RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin O'Sullivan

CHAPTER 506 -- S1771

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin P. Blanchette (redraft of H6273)

CHAPTER 534 -- H6407

A HOME RULE PETITION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF COHASSET TO PAY A PORTION OF GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FROM PRIOR FISCAL YEARS AND NOT IN EXCESS OF \$25,000

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray (redraft of H6354)

CHAPTER 539 -- H6343

A HOME RULE PETITION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO CONTINUE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PAUL MULLIGAN AND ROBERT FLORIO, UNTIL THEIR RESPECTIVE RETIREMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas P. Kennedy

CHAPTER 548 -- H5903

A HOME RULE PETITION EXEMPTING FROM CIVIL SERVICE CUSTODIAL EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF AUBURN SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Paul Kollios

CHAPTER 556 -- H6399

A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF REVERE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Sponsor(s): Representative Robert A. DeLeo (redraft of H6238)

CHAPTER 557 -- S1717

A HOME RULE PETITION ESTABLISHING A FUNDING SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF LAWRENCE RETIREMENT SYSEM

Sponsor(s): Senator Martin J. Dunn (redraft of S1696)

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
Representative Emanuel G. Serra, Chairman

CHAPTER 41 -- H5589

AN ACT TRANSFERRING CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF WALPOLE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to transfer approximately 94.0 acres of land currently being used by the Department of Corrections to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority for the purposes of providing a public landfill site, unless an alternative site is developed and approved by the Federal District Court, for disposal of grit screenings, and, if necessary, sludge or sludge products from Metropolitan Boston sewerage treatment facilities utilized in the Boston Harbor cleanup project.

CHAPTER 74 -- S1500

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD TO USE CERTAIN PARK LAND FOR OTHER MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Sponsor(s): Senator William Q. MacLean, Representative Joseph B. McIntyre, Representative Robert M. Koczera

Authorizes the city of New Bedford to use certain land in said city for educational, park, public health, or other municipal purposes, and/or the construction and operation of a wastewater treatment plant and relocation facilities.

CHAPTER 101 -- H5441

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS AND THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM TO GRANT EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN PARK AND CONSERVATION LAND IN THE TOWNS OF DOVER AND NEEDHAM TO THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald

Authorizes Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey two permanent sewer easements in certain lands in the towns of Needham and one in the town of Dover for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating sewer lines.

CHAPTER 123 -- S1467

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT COMMEMORATING
KOREAN WAR VETERANS**

Sponsor(s): Senator William M. Bulger

Authorizes and directs the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations, after consultation with the Metropolitan District Commission and the South Boston Korean War Memorial Committee, Inc., to set aside an area on Castle Island sufficient for the erection of a monument commemorating the bravery and heroism of those who served their country in the armed services during the Korean conflict.

CHAPTER 133 -- H5515

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN CONTRACTS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald, Senator Paul W. White, Representative James T. Brett

Exempts certain contracts of the city of Boston from the Provisions of the Uniform Procurement Act (Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws).

CHAPTER 139 -- H5683

**AN ACT RATIFYING CONFIRMING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TAUNTON,
ACTING THROUGH ITS MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT COMMISSION, TO
CONTRACT FOR AN ELECTRIC POWER PLANT AND FACILITIES RELATED AND
NECESSARY THERETO, AND TO LEASE LAND TO THE OWNERS OF SUCH A
PLANT AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR PLACEMENT OF SUCH FACILITIES**

Sponsor(s): Representative Marc R. Pacheco, Representative Joan M. Menard, Senator Irving H. Wall, Jr.

Authorizes the city of Taunton through its municipal light commission, to lease certain land in the city of Taunton for the purposes of designing, constructing, operating, and maintaining an electrical power plant and facility for a term not to exceed fifty years.

CHAPTER 187 -- S1108

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF CARIBBEAN

Sponsor(s): Senator Bill Owen

Designates annually the last week in August as Caribbean Week, to recognize the culture, presence, and contribution of Caribbean nationals in the daily life of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CHAPTER 188 -- S1622

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE U.S.S. LEXINGTON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Michael W.
Morrissey

Creates the U.S.S. Lexington Development Commission to acquire the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Lexington from the United States Navy, when it is decommissioned, so that it can be used as part of a national museum of shipbuilding in the city of Quincy where the U.S.S. Lexington was built.

CHAPTER 190 -- H5543

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN SKATING RINK AS THE THEODORE J. ALEIXO, JR. SKATING RINK
Sponsor(s): Representative Joan M. Menard, Representative Marc R. Pacheco

Designates the skating rink located on Williams Street in the City of Taunton as the Theodore J. Aleixo Jr. Skating Rink in honor of his twenty-two years of service as mayor and state legislator.

CHAPTER 193 -- H5521

AN ACT REORGANIZING THE DIVISION OF ENERGY RESOURCES TO MAKE THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT
Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

A reorganization plan of the Division of Energy Resources which is to be placed within the Executive Office of Economic Affairs as submitted by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Article LXXXVII of the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 207 -- H5744

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF DESTROYER ESCORT DAY
Sponsor(s): Senator Linda J. Melconian, Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Directs the Governor to proclaim the third Saturday in June as Destroyer Escort Day in recognition of the proud history that these ships displayed during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

CHAPTER 288 -- H5072

AN ACT GRANTING CERTAIN EASEMENTS OVER CERTAIN PARK LAND IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Charles F. Flaherty

Authorizes the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey a twenty to forty foot wide permanent maintenance easement in the City of Cambridge, over land occupied by the Metropolitan District Commission, for installing and constructing a sewer drain pipe line.

CHAPTER 291 -- H5994

AN ACT CONVEYING CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative John F. Cox

Authorizes the Commissioner of the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey permanent air rights and easements for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, using, repairing, removing and replacing bridges to provide access and egress by foot and vehicle to land owned by Boot Mills Limited Partnership in the City of Lowell.

CHAPTER 310 -- H3488

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE AGENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Joseph N. Hermann

Changes the Docket of Legislative Agents to reflect the legislative (year) session rather than the calendar year, which was the practice prior to the passage of this Act.

CHAPTER 332 -- H5987

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE TOWN OF EDGARTOWN FROM CERTAIN PUBLIC BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Exempts the town of Edgartown from provisions of Chapter 30B (the Uniform Procurement Act) of the Massachusetts General Laws with respect to the transfer of the Chappaquidick ferry slips, ramps and appurtenance buildings to Edgartown Ferry, Inc. located in the town of Edgartown on the Island of Martha's Vineyard.

CHAPTER 352 -- H5420

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING CENTER

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh

Repeals Chapter 366 of the Acts of 1985, which named the Criminal Justice Center, located in the town of Agawam.

CHAPTER 361 -- S1670

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS, THE TOWNS OF RICHMOND, STOCKBRIDGE, GRAFTON, UPTON, METHUEN, WILMINGTON, DANVERS, SOUTHAMPTON, BOLTON, LANCASTER AND CLINTON, AND THE CITIES OF WESTFIELD, HAVERHILL AND HOLYOKE TO GRANT CERTAIN EASEMENTS TO TENNESSEE GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael C. Creedon

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations and various cities and towns to grant the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company certain easements through said cities and towns for the laying of a natural gas pipeline therein.

CHAPTER 367 -- H6161

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE COMMONWEALTH AS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen J. Karol, Representative Thomas S. Cahir, Senator Robert A. Havern

Enables landscape architects, presently employed by the Commonwealth to credit his/her time of employment with the state agency toward accreditation necessary to be eligible to take the state licensing examination as a Landscape Architect.

CHAPTER 371 -- S1396

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AYER LIBRARY

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Durand

Amends the corporation charter of the Ayer Library to include provisions required by the Internal Revenue Service for continued tax exempt status.

CHAPTER 388 -- H5864

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN BUILDING AT THE WORCESTER STATE HOSPITAL AS THE WILLIAM DALEY BUILDING

Sponsor(s): Representative Andrew Collaro

Designates the power plant building at the Worcester State Hospital, in the city of Worcester, as the William Daley building in honor of William Daley and his nearly forty years of service to the hospital.

CHAPTER 400 -- H6322

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin O'Sullivan

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to transfer to the Department of Food and Agriculture control of thirty-five acres of state-owned land in Worcester for research and development of farmers markets to enhance commercial agriculture in the Central Massachusetts region.

CHAPTER 404 -- H5787

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EXEMPTING MUNICIPAL AIRPORT COMMISSIONS FROM CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNIFORM PROCUREMENT ACT

Sponsor(s): Representative John C. Klimm

Exempting any contracts, agreements, or leases entered into by municipal airport commissions relating to aviation uses or the sale of aviation fuels from the provisions of the Uniform Procurement Act (Chapter 30B of the Massachusetts General Laws).

CHAPTER 406 -- H6310

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE WILD TURKEY AS THE GAME BIRD OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Designating the Wild Turkey (Meleagris Gallopavo) as the game bird and the game bird emblem of the Commonwealth.

CHAPTER 411 -- H6373

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO GRANT CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE CITY OF LOWELL TO THE FREUNDEBERG NONWOVENS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative John F. Cox, Representative Edward A. LeLacheur

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to grant the Freudenberg Nonwovens Limited Partnership, in the city of Lowell, certain easements for the purpose of installing a steam and condensate return pipe line along the walls of the Merrimack and Pawtucket canals.

CHAPTER 421 -- S1684

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY THE WILLIAM RUSSELL ALLEN HOUSE IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD

Sponsor(s): Senator Jane M. Swift, Representative Peter J. Larkin

Authorizes and directs the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey the William Russell Allen House in the city of Pittsfield to the city of Pittsfield for a community center.

CHAPTER 423 -- H6007

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF PARK COMMISSIONER IN THE TOWN OF BOURNE

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas S. Cahir

Abolishes the position of Park Commissioner in the Town of Bourne and assigns those powers and duties to the Superintendent of the Town of Bourne's Department of Public Works.

CHAPTER 424 -- H4607

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING BY THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS OF EASEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Barbara E. Gray

Revises Chapter 763 of the Acts of 1987, which authorized the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to grant to Ledgemere Land Corporation road and utility easements over the Hultman Aqueduct and a driveway and utility easements over the Weston Aqueduct. In return for said easements Ledgemere Land Corp. was to provide the Department of Environmental Management with an easement or easements for access to the Callahan State Park. The Department of Environmental Management was not satisfied with the location of the easements. This legislation was filed allowing for DEM to choose an access easement or easements to said state park to its liking.

CHAPTER 428 -- H5832

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF LOWELL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative Edward A. LeLacheur, Representative John F. Cox

Authorizes this transfer for highway purposes in connection with the widening and reconstruction of the School Street Bridge over the MBTA line and the Pawtucket Canal in said city.

CHAPTER 438 -- H4064

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF THE GLOUCESTER STATE FISH PIER

Sponsor(s): Representative Bruce E. Tarr, Representative Joseph B. McIntyre

Makes technical changes to the definitions used in Chapter 740 of the Acts of 1981, which authorize the extension of the Pier.

CHAPTER 444 -- H5086

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO RELOCATE A PERMANENT EASEMENT IN THE TOWN OF LUDLOW

Sponsor(s): Representative Thomas M. Petrolati

Relocates two permanent easements in the town of Ludlow for permanent access and utility related purposes by said town.

CHAPTER 459 -- S1607

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH

Sponsor(s): Senator Robert A. Durand, Representative Daniel J. Valianti

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey .16 acres of state-owned land in the City of Marlborough to the abutter thereof to correct drainage problems on said land.

CHAPTER 477 -- H6261

AN ACT INCREASING THE THRESHOLD REQUIRING BIDS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC CONTRACTS

Sponsor(s): Representative Emanuel G. Serra

Raises from \$500 to \$1,000 the value of materials purchased by the Department of Public Works which requires an "RX" bidding process by the State Purchasing Agent.

CHAPTER 479 -- H6251

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO LEASE CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITY OF QUINCY TO NEPONSET LANDING TRUST

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Michael W. Morrissey

Authorizes this transfer for parking purposes for a period of up to sixty-five years.

CHAPTER 517 -- H6395

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative David P. Magnani

Authorizes this land transfer for construction and use as a municipal fire department facility.

CHAPTER 522 -- H6167

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN EASEMENTS FROM THE TOWN OF HINGHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Mary Jeanette Murray, Senator Robert L. Hedlund

Authorizes the Department of Capital Planning and Operations to acquire on behalf of the Department of Public Works, control and custody of five parcels of land in the Town of Hingham needed for permanent drainage easements and an easement for a retaining wall.

CHAPTER 523 -- H6329

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO SELL CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF CHELSEA

Sponsor(s): Senator Thomas F. Birmingham

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to sell five parcels of land and the buildings thereon in the city of Chelsea.

CHAPTER 524 -- S1113

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DALTON FIRE DISTRICT TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF WINDSOR TO THE COMMONWEALTH THROUGH ITS DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS

Sponsor(s): Senator Jane M. Swift, Representative Daniel E. Bosley, Representative Shaun P. Kelley

Authorizes the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Dalton Fire District to convey a fifteen acre parcel of land to the Commonwealth for use by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for conservation management purposes.

CHAPTER 525 -- H5682

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE TOWNS OF GROTON AND PEPPERELL

Sponsor(s): Representative Augusta Hornblower

Authorizes the Department of Capital Planning and Operations to grant these three easements in the Towns of Groton and Pepperell to extend existing system in said towns.

CHAPTER 526 -- H6386

AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO GRANT AN EASEMENT TO THE DEDHAM-WESTWOOD WATER DISTRICT AND A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION OVER CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF DEDHAM

Sponsor(s): Representative Kevin W. Fitzgerald

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to grant a permanent easement, over a certain parcel of the Metropolitan District Commission land in the Town of Dedham, to the Dedham-Westwood Water District for the purpose of access to the operation of a public water supply well.

CHAPTER 527 -- H6178

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO TRANSFER CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND IN THE CITY OF LOWELL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Sponsor(s): Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative Edward A. LeLacheur

CHAPTER 528 -- S1562

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO TRANSFER A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND ON THE GROUNDS OF THE TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL

Sponsor(s): Senator Erving H. Wall, Jr.

Authorizes a land transfer of certain state owned land at the Taunton State Hospital from the Department of Mental Health to the Department of Fisheries, Wildlife and Environmental Law Enforcement for fisheries and wildlife purposes.

CHAPTER 530 -- H5930

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO ENTER INTO A LONG-TERM LEASE WITH THE CITY OF FALL RIVER

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to enter into a long term lease with the City of Fall River for land within the Fall River Heritage State Park, wherein a historical carousel shall be permanently located.

CHAPTER 533 -- H4793

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE GROTON COUNTRY CLUB AUTHORITY

Sponsor(s): Representative Augusta Hornblower

Establishes the Groton Country Club Authority to acquire, oversee and operate the Groton Country Club as open and recreational space in the town of Groton.

CHAPTER 535 -- H6277

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO LEASE CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWICK

Sponsor(s): Representative Michael P. Walsh, Representative Paul E. Caron

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to lease the boat-launching ramp on Congamond Lake in the Town of Southwick for a period of ten years.

CHAPTER 536 -- S1604

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS IN THE CITY OF QUINCY

Sponsor(s): Senator Paul D. Harold, Representative Michael W. Morrissey

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to grant easements to the United States for the purpose of preserving and protecting, in perpetuity, the open space and scenic features of the Adams National Historic Site in the City of Quincy.

CHAPTER 537 -- H6313

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO EXTEND THE LEASE OF A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF WESTON TO THE FRANCIS QUIMET CADDIE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Sponsor(s): Representative Francis H. Woodward

Extends the present lease for a period of up to twenty-five more years to the Francis Quimet Caddie Scholarship Fund, Inc., in the town of Weston for the housing of their headquarters and museum.

CHAPTER 541 -- H6177

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY A PARCEL OF LAND IN THE CITY OF LOWELL TO XENEPHON SPERONIS

Sponsor(s): Representative Carol C. Clevon

CHAPTER 542 -- H5834

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON

Sponsor(s): Representative Marianne Brenton, Representative James R. Miceli

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey state-owned land controlled by the Department of Mental Health located in the Town of Wilmington, to the Town of Wilmington for water and sewer purposes.

CHAPTER 547 -- H6371

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRUST FUND FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL RETARDATION IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

Sponsor(s): Department of Mental Health

Authorizes the sale of a carousel located on the grounds of the Belchertown State School, and directs that the proceeds from the sale be deposited in a trust fund under the control of the State Treasurer for use relative to the needs of those persons with mental retardation in Western Massachusetts under the care of the Department of Mental Retardation.

CHAPTER 550 -- H6278

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTRACT DEBARMENT PROCEDURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Sponsor(s): State Auditor Joseph DeNucci

Seeks to improve the debarment process applicable to contractors who do business with public awarding authorities in the Commonwealth by addressing the timeliness of the hearings related thereto and making allowances for contractors facing such a debarment process to continue to perform on current contracts.

CHAPTER 555 -- H5631

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION OF CAPITAL PLANNING AND OPERATIONS TO CONVEY A CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER TO THE NORTHEAST SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Sponsor(s): Representative Joseph N. Hermann

Authorizes the Division of Capital Planning and Operations to convey certain state-owned land in the Town of North Andover to the Northeast Solid Waste Committee for resource recovery and related solid waste management purposes.

RESOLVE -

REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED
TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A
SUITABLE MEMORIAL TO PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The special commission established under the provisions of
Chapter 6 of the Resolves of 1983, is revived and continued until
the last Wednesday in September, 1992.

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION
Representative Angelo M. Scaccia, Chairman

CHAPTER 7 -- H5234

AN ACT EXTENDING TAX FILING AND PAYMENT DEADLINES FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE PERSIAN GULF DURING OPERATION DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM

Sponsor(s): Representative Angelo M. Scaccia, Senator John W. Oliver

Extends the deadline for filing taxes for those serving in the Persian Gulf. Taxes for these individuals are due 180 days after leaving the Gulf.

CHAPTER 213 -- H5775

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF SPRINGFIELD

Sponsor(s): Mary E. Hurley (Mayor), Representative Anthony M. Scibelli

Authorizes repayment of Springfields' deficit over ten years, instead of the five year plan that was originally created in 1989. Also makes changes in the special reserve fund requirements.

CHAPTER 396 -- H6306

AN ACT RELATIVE TO QUARTERLY TAXES IN CITIES AND TOWNS

Sponsor(s): Representative Edward L. LeLacheur, Representative Susan F. Rourke, Representative John F. Cox, Representative Carol C. Cleven

Allows municipalities, with the approval of the Department of Revenue, to issue third quarter estimates, rather than actual tax bills.

CHAPTER 510 -- H6249

AN ACT ALLOWING THE NANTUCKET LAND BANK COMMISSION TO APPOINT A NEW MEMBER, UNTIL THE NEXT ELECTION, WHENEVER VACANCIES OCCUR

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

Makes technical changes to legislation establishing the Nantucket Land Bank Commission.

CHAPTER 510 -- H4068

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE JET FUEL TAX
COLLECTED AT LAWRENCE G. HANSCOM FIELD

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen W. Doran

Allows the four communities surrounding Hanscom-Lincoln, Bedford, Lexington, and Concord to share equally in the distribution of the tax revenue.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION
Representative Stephen J. Karol, Chairman

CHAPTER 33 -- H5506

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ACCELERATED TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT
AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**

Sponsor(s): Governor William Weld

Provides \$4.9 billion through a combination of \$2.54 billion in state bond authorizations which in turn leverages another \$2.36 billion in federal transportation program funds for the 1992 and 1993 fiscal years.

CHAPTER 44 -- H4090

**AN ACT DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 12 IN WEBSTER
AS THE SAMUEL SLATER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

Sponsor(s): Representative Richard T. Moore

CHAPTER 61 -- H5128

**AN ACT DESIGNATING CERTAIN BRIDGES ON THE ISLAND OF MARTHA'S
VINEYARD**

Sponsor(s): Representative Eric Turkington

CHAPTER 64 -- H4266

**AN ACT DESIGNATING THE PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE ON MORRISSEY
BOULEVARD AS THE LIEUTENANT THOMAS I. FOLEY FOOTBRIDGE**

Sponsor(s): Representative James T. Brett

CHAPTER 111 -- H5537

**AN ACT DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY ROUTE 107 IN REVERE
IN MEMORY OF RICHARD STANCHI**

Sponsor(s): Representative William G. Reinstein

CHAPTER 137 -- S1256

AN ACT DESIGNATING A BRIDGE IN SOUTHBRIDGE AS THE LEONIDE J.
LEMIRE VFW POST 6055 MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Senator Louis P. Bertonazzi

CHAPTER 231 -- H5935

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN BRIDGE IN THE TOWNS OF SWANSEA AND
SOMERSET AS THE DAVID M. ANTHONY BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Joan M. Menard

CHAPTER 254 -- H5957

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN BRIDGE IN THE TOWN OF RAYNHAM AS THE
ALBERT F. PORTER BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Jacqueline Lewis

CHAPTER 279 -- S1654

AN ACT DESIGNATING A BRIDGE AS THE AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR
BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Senator Arthur E. Chase

CHAPTER 321 -- H6210

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 1 AND ROUTE 123 IN
ATTLEBOROUGH AS THE WILLIAM R. ROLLINSON, II MEMORIAL SQUARE

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen J. Karol

CHAPTER 324 -- H6147

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN BRIDGE IN THE CITY OF METHUEN AS THE
METHUEN FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Sponsor(s): Representative Larry F. Giordano

CHAPTER 333 -- H6004

AN ACT DESIGNATING A CERTAIN SECTION OF ROUTE 122 IN BARRE AS THE
TROOPER ALJE M. SVELA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Sponsor(s): Representative Stephen M. Brewer

